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8-baby woman hit by £½m ban

Authority refuses to pay for top specialist

Helen Nowicka

wood, the woman who is carrying eight foe-tuses, was vesterday when her local health authority said it would | refused not pay the £500,000 needed Dr Deakin said the author-for her maternity care by a ity had not been influenced

foetal medicine at King's Collegs hospital, when she could be treated under the National Health Service at a number of Midlands hospitals "with fine reputations".

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Ms Allwood, aged 31, whose multiple pregnancy was revealed last week, paid for her initial consultation. The request to the health author-ity for funding came from her GP on Wednesday and was considered by a committee of its senior officers. Ms All-wood and her boyfriend Paul Hudson are both from Solihull and were living there when she became pregnant

client wanted to continue to be seen by Prof Nicolaides, who has refused to comment on the health authority's deci-

suggested to Mandy that she risk.

would be better off in London in terms of expertise and equipment. She believes being treated by him is best for her and the babies."

Stuart Kuttner, managing editor of the News of the World, which has bought the exclusive rights to Ms All-wood's story for a reported £1 million, said: "Details of Ms Allwood's medical arrangements and maternity care are a matter for her and the appropriate medical au-thorities and doctors responsible for her well-being." Mike Deakin, Solihull's

consultant in public health medicine, said the treatment would cost up to £500,000. He added that it was "not usual, but not uncommon" for a GP's referral request to be

Solihull health authority said it believed there was no clinical reason why Ms All- was made on the basis of what wood should be seen by Ky-pros Nicolaides, specialist in chological and clinical terms. We have looked at the evidence and we can see no reason why she cannot be treated here."

In a statement the authority

said: "There is no evidence that the outcome is likely to be in any way different whether the pregnancy is managed in London or in the specialised services available in our second city, Birmingham."

It said it will not have to

spend extra funds on Ms Allwood's treatement if she is seen by hospitals already contracted to provide it with maternity care. By contrast the sums required to pay for Ms after fertility treatment.

Ms Allwood's media adviser Max Clifford said his "As the authority is already".

under great financial pres-sure, approval of this single referral would result in a significant loss of services for

to the press.

Mr Clifford said Ms Allwood that if she does not undergo a selective abortion of six of the embryos continuing treatment with him. "Prof Nicolaides has babies and put her own life at



Invasion of the creepy crawlies . . . Insect keeper Zoe Masters apparently being devoured head first by 18 ft long robotic praying mantis, one of the exhibits at the new insect exhibition opening today at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff

Dunblane tury at gun lobby "dirty tricks"

Magazine claims outsiders set up petition that victims' families presented at Westminster

Duncan Campbell

HE battle over gun contoday when a leading gun magazine
launches an attack on a
petition which the Dumblane
families presented at Westminster last month.

Anti-gun groups claim they are becoming the victims of "vicious" dirty tricks perpe-trated by members of the gun An article on gun control in the latest edition of Guns Review claims that the Snow-

blane families. "This is the product of a group of people not from Dunblane and not involving any of those who suffered so much offices in London and Hebden cess postage."

there," says the article. Guns Review also claims that "signing the petition became a near mandatory requirement rather than a voluntary action in many niaroe" It is also alloced that government facilities, like photocopiers, paper etc were used without authority. The petition was also circulated through schools, once again using public money to dupli-

cate it. In fact, the petition was started by Anne Pearston, whose children had previously attended the Dunblane school, and was supported by the parents of the children who were murdered there.
The parents travelled to London on July 3 specifically to present the petition of 700,000 names. The petition called for



Snowdrop petition being taken to Westminster

ages shooters to write to anwrite back to you ... You should remember to put a stamp on the envelope other wise they will have to pay exHouse of Commons last families of those murdered in | chord." the Dunblane and Hungerford shootings, is also mentioned and the address and telephone number of one its members is given.

Last night, the groups concerned responded angrily to the magazine's claims. Judith Hill, of Gun Control Network, whose daughter was killed in the Hungerford

massacre, said of the attack on the Snowdrop Petition: "It is one of the biggest dishones-ties they could have said. "It was instigated by the

people up there. I think they're beginning to want to play dirty. It is hotting up Tobias Bernstein of SAGE said: "These comments are inaccurate. It's the sort of vi-

they resort to things like this." Mr Bernstein said that around 10 per cent of the calls his organisation now

The Gun Control Network, received were "wind-up" which was launched in the calls. "But if they were ignorcalls. But if they were ignor-ing us, I would worry. It month with the support of the means we're touching a friend's a burn.

> A spokeswoman for Guns Review said of the allegations about the Snowdrop petition: "When it (the magazine) went to press, that was the infor-mation we had about it." She said there was no intention to However. Nemeth got more offend the families of Dunthan a talking-to — she was

says judge ian Katz in New York

Show a

leg,

WHEN Katie Nometh pleaded guilty in a Cleveland court to misusing a credit card, she expected a stiff fine. Instead the judge gave her some judiclous advice: ditch her boy-friend, show a bit of leg and try to bag a doctor.

"Men are easy," Judge Shirley Satfold told her, "You can go sit in the bus stop, put on a short skirt, cross your legs and pick up 25. Ten of them will give you their money.

Nemeth admitted she had allowed her boyfriend to use a credit card she had found in the store where she worked. Judge Saffold, aged 45, advised her to split up with him All the women in prisons across these United States of America are there because of

a guy," the judge said. When Nemeth, aged 19, said she had already split up with him, the judge advised her to go to a nearby medical school and "marry a doctor"

Groups representing both men and women yesterday rounded on her remarks.

This judge not only insults too, declared Sidney Siller, founder of the National Organisation for Men. Terry Gilbert, Nemeth's law-

er, said his client was relieved at first to get out of court but "when she thought ended". Mr Gilbert said Judg Saffold's advice was "outra-

geous and inappropriate".

The judge, herself married ated Press that her remarks had been taken out of context:

American judges frequently impose idiosyncratic sentences. Earlier this year, a South Carolina judge ordered a 15-year-old girl with a history of deliquency to be chained to her mother.

also fined \$200 (£130).

sion. Prof Nicolaides has the rest of the population of threatened to stop treating her if she continues to speak to the process. Institution is services for the population of the population of the process. Solibull, "it said. Prof Nicolaides has advised to the process." other anti-gun group, the drop Petition, which was precious type of attack we're get-ting used to. This is typical of the gun lobby. "Their weak-ening position means that sented by a group of Dun-blane parents last month, has Society Against Guns in Europe: "At least they will no connection with the Dunhave to pay for the stamp to

and Richard Norton-Taylor

ECRET cabinet minutes showing how successive governments took extraordinary risks to pursue an ultimately disastrous investment in Northern Ireland for political reasons — including as a weapon against the IRA — have been disclosed by order of a New York court. The court ruled British cab-inet papers had to be made public in a long-running legal battle between the govern-ment and the international accountancy firm, Arthur Andersen, auditors of the ill-fated De Lorean Motor Company.

about the New York court ruling. It is believed to be the first time cabinet papers have been disclosed in a court case. The papers, according to lawyers acting for Arthur Andersen, reveal that James Callaghan's Labour government was heavily influenced in its support for the project to make the gull-winged sports car by its desire to "hammer" the IRA the IRA.

At a cabinet meeting of July 26, 1978, the then Northern Ireland minister, Roy Mason. said it was "of the utmost po-litical, social and psychologi-cal importance that the pro-ject should go ahead". He

The Government's decision to back the venture flew in the face of advice from management consultants McKin-sey, who warned that the department was "being asked to fund an extraordinarily risky venture". The Cabinet ac-knowledged that the economics of the factory, which was to cost taxpayers over £70 mil-lion, were highly question-able. Only a week earlier McKinsey told ministers that the chances of the project suc-ceeding were "remote"

Cabinet secrets aired in New York courtroom

ceeding were "remote". Two years later, in 1981,

about the prospect of being sued by De Lorean if the money was refused. Mrs sued by De Lorean if the money was refused. Mrs
Thatcher agreed to pay on condition there would be no ean collapse if it were to agree more help. But by February 1981 the company faced a further cash crisis. Recording a request for a bank guarantee, a cabinet paper of February 2, help we 1981, from the Northern Ireland Secretary, Humphrey At-kins, also stressed the Gov-ernment's political

commitment to the project.
The minutes record: "We cannot settle this on commer-Margaret Thatcher's govern-ment agreed to provide up to Lorean venture has become money for many years. The £21 million of aid, after a cabi- something of a symbol for government sued Arthur An-

Government lawyers could added: "This would be a ham- net committee discussion | HMG's commitment to North- dersen in 1985 in the southern with the Attorney-General em Iroland" An apologetic note was sent

> to the bank loan guarantee.
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> Mrs Thatcher's handwritten
> comment read: "I take it this
> is the last [double underlined] help we give to this unwise

> The De Lorean car company collapsed in 1982 with the loss of 2,000 jobs in west Belfast. The £77 million substdies were slated by the public accounts committee as one of

under the anti-racketeering "RICO" Act.
The Cabinet Office said last

night that the Government had been aware that "certain cabinet documents" were liable to be made public. A spokeswoman said: "The Government has accepted this outcome in the interests of justice and the need to continue its claim for substantial

never before had cabinet min-utes been released for a court case. Cabinet papers have not been regarded as disclosable

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damages in the interests of the British taxpayer." Whitehall sources said

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World News Mourners at the funeral of a Greek Cypriot shot dead on : Wednesday bowed to appeals and agreed not to demonstrate afterwards.

Finance A pan-European defence industry nears as British Aerospace and a to form a large missile business.

Sport Manchester United will win the Premier League and Liverpool and Aston Villa will French group agreed push Newcastle into fourth place, David Lacey predicts.

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Outlook

Dole makes trust the key issue

Martin Walker in San Diego

OB DOLE. Republican presiden- | Dole said. tial candidate, and his running mate Jack Kemp, average age 67, left California yesterday to take their campaign of old-fashioned values and tax cuts across the United States via which he still enjoys a above all he spoke of values.

commanding lead.

The invigorating Republican
Party national convention,
which climaxed in Mr Dole's most powerful speech in a career admittedly lacking rhetorical strength, has halved President Clinton's opinionpoil lead to about 8 to 12 points. But the Dole-Kemp campaign

remains the underdog.
With 81 days to go before
the election, only Texas
shows the Republicans neck-

The contrast facing voters, as the Dole-Kemp team held a last rally before leaving for Colorado, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania, could hardly have been more clear. In his acceptance speech on Thursday night. Mr Dole presented the choice facing voters as one between his du-

tiful generation which fought in the second world war, and the indulged elitists who dodged Vietnam; between ning, with a superficially united party and an overflow-Democratic big spenders; be-tween an old man of stern character and a younger one of easy virtues.

Finding the big theme that has so far eluded him, Mr Dole also delivered a deeper rationale for his campaign: that the US needs to forge again the bonds of trust

ues of the past in order to face the future with confidence. "The fundamental issue is not of policy, but of trust," Mr

He laid down the more prosaic themes of the autumn campaign: the 15 per cent tax cut; the anti-missile defence system; draconian curbs on criminals and immigration; and the teachers' unions, cast several key states all carried by Bill Clinton in 1992 and in the education war". But

"I am here to say to Amer-ica: do not abandon the great traditions that stretch to the dawn of our history, do not topple the pillars of those beliefs — God, family, hon-our, duty, country — that have brought us through time and time again."
The test now is to see how

such words resonate in an America of rap music and riple-X rated movies.

Most voters are women,
whose daily lives may not always resemble Mr Dole's
rose-tinted view that the

mother's place is in the home.
The overall effect was of a campaign by the former Republican president, Ronald Reagan, but without the

Reagan charm.
Still, the achievement of the tightly scripted San Diego convention was impressive, as the Republicans clawed ing campaign war-chest.

Ed Goeas, the Republican pollster, said: "The race is going to be extremely tight because, under the surface, President of the surface, President of

dent Clinton has some very negative numbers — on trust and values and character."



A Chechen separatist fighter humiliates a captured Russian soldier outside Grozny

Drug Briton jailed for 5 years

N EIGHT-YEAR-OLD English girl was reunited with her mother last night after the woman was cleared by a Moroccan court of drug smuggling, Jill Richards, aged 40, was

roccan holiday. Vicky Richards was with her parents when they were Jill Richards, aged au, was freed by a court in Tangier. But her husband David, aged by diplomats at the British after hearing evidence from the consulate while her parents the prosecution and the consulate while her parents were held in Tangier prison. arrested on August 7. Since then she has been looked after

for attempting to smuggle 222 | The family comes from Aln-kilos of hashish to Spain. He | wick. Northumberland, but is expected to appeal.

The drugs, with a street value of £856,000, were found in the frame of the family's Volkswagen during their Morocan holiday.

Viels Richards was with a street moving around the Britain. Mr Richards's last job was as a deep sea diver off the Scottish coast. He injured his back in an accident and is now make the moving the coast. now unable to work.

The court, consisting of a panel of three judges, post-poned its verdict on Thursday

lives in the same street as the Richards in Alnwick, said last night: 'I am glad for Vicky's sake but Dave has paid the price for his stupidity."

The Moroccan government is carrying out a crackdown on the country's lucrative drug trade and police have ar-rested numerous foreigners in recent months. Richards is the latest Briton to be convicted on drug trafficking

Great bear staggers in Chechenia

James Meek in Grozny

USSIA'S national security chief, Gen-eral Alexander Lebed, eral Alexander Lebed, yesterday demanded that the country's interior minister be sacked for military failures in Chechenia. Gen Lebed even appeared to

Gen Lebed even appeared to threaten his resignation if Anatoly Kulikov was not dismissed. "I appeal to President Boris Yeltsin: you have a hard choice to make — either Lebed or Kulikov," he said.

Later, however, Gen Lebed seemed to row hack on his threat. "General Kulikov is one of the main culprits in the Chechen tragedy" the

charges, and told the Interfax news agency that Gen Lebed was motivated by "his maniacal desire for power and improper knowledge of

Chechen problems". In Grozny, the secessionist fighters are jubilant about what they have won and de-termined to hold on to it.

Hamad Gamayev, a former cowherd aged 25, tossed a cap-tured rubber truncheon in the air yesterday and dis-missed Gen Lebed's peace-making attempts. "He's no different from the others. Let them do whatever they

want."
The fighter said that if the Chechen high command ordered them to leave Grozny, they would obey. But they were not expecting such a command. Some weary rebels are even beginning to think

gypsy married to a Chechen woman killed during the war, said all the fighters were tired. "Twe practically forgot-ten how to use a spoon, I've been eating with my fingers for so long," he said.

Last night, the Chechen military commander, Aslan Maskhadov, told the Guardian that he felt Gen Lebed

one of the main culprits in the Chechen tragedy," the national security chief said.

The recent offensive by separatist rebels on the Chechen capital: Grozny, is reported to have left more than 1,200 Russian troops dead or wounded.

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Gen Maskhadov said there

people."

Gen Maskhadov said there was an informal understand-ing between Gen Lebed and the Chechen leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, as to options for the future status of the country — but he refused to go into details

"The only thing the Chechen people can get is salvation from destruction," Gen Maskhadov said. "Russia must no longer have the right to de-stroy us when it wants to. We want some kind of international guarantee that they won't try to do so every 50

The destruction is all around in Grozny. At 1.25pm an oil tank went up in the industrial district of the city, about half a mile away. It exploded almost silently, and Aza Salazhiyeva hardly noticed. She carried on talking about Gen Lebed.

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> Switzertand:
> High pressure is now building across central
> Europe. That means the last of the showery weather will finally die out from eastern Germany and
> eastern Austria during the day with most places
> having paticity cloud and good spells of warm sunshine. Highs 22 to 28C from north-east to southwest. A ridge of high pressure will give most places a very hot and sumny weekend, aithough there will be cooling sea-breezes around the coasts. Max temp 25-34C from north to south.

> Eastern Spain may have one or two scattered thun-dery showers later today but most places will be fine and hot with plenty of bise sky and lots of sun-shine. Highs 28-30C in the north and around the coasts, 32-37C in the southern interior. tsolated thunder showers are possible on Sardinia and Corsica but most of flary will be quite surray and very warm with comfortable humidity levels. Highs 27-31C.

> The fine weather will continue over the weekend with mostly small amounts of cloud and prolonged sunny periods. The usual sea-breezes will keep the coasts and islands a little cooler than on the maintand. Highs 30-35C (86-95F).

Television and radio — Saturday

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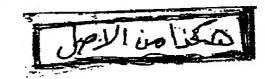
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PRINCESS AT BAY: 'I fear that unless he is restrained I shall suffer undue psychological pressure and become ill'



Martin Stemning shows his Princess of Wales photographs as part of his high profile protest at being ordered to stay away from her Photographs mark young



ON THE INSIDE: Arthur Edwards, aged 55, is the acceptable face of royal newspaper photography. Arfur, as The Sun's genial veteran snapper is known, has a charm, tact and cheeky humour that takes the sting out of the more sensitive assignments. He is a staff man, paid a salary and dispatched on specific stories. He much admires the Princess of Wales, and she is reputedly fond of him. She has forgiven the picture he took through the bushes in the Bahamas of her, pregnant, in a bikini. "She knew we were going to be there — we told her," said Edwards this week.



ON THE LIST: Richard Young, aged 48, the king of British paparazzi, has been in the business for 20 years. He is freelance, but highly respected by the tabloid papers. He turns up at every socialite occasion, usually invited. He does not need to pursue Diana — they are at the same parties. Shameless, yet charming, he has been handbagged by Barbra Streisand and spat at by Sean Penn. Most royals and celebrities, however, greet him by name. His most famous picture shows Diana stepping out of a car in an extremely low-cut dress. The late restaurateur Peter

Langan said he could grease his way through a



ON THE EDGE: Mark paparazzi who spend ever day tralling the princess He has pursued her for almost five years, selling his picture through an agency to newspapers and magazine in the UK and abroad.

He starts his day at the Chelsea Harbour Chib, where the princess keeps fit, and then tries to follow her for the rest of the day. He is one of perhaps eight who sometimes work together. They have been half expecting the princess to accuse them in the courts of stalking her. "We take photos that command large fees," he told is not stalking."

Royal pack snaps at 'amateur' paparazzo

Angry photographer says he is a scapegoat and will fight court injunction banning him from going within 300m of Diana

HE paparazzi who Princess of Wales, the agencies who sell newspapers who print them were distancing themselves last night from photographer Martin Stenning and the court injunction banning him from going near her.

As Mr Stenning declared that he would fight the order in court, others involved in the lucrative royal picture business wrote him off as a

around the world, said: "I Mirror group photography to hang around outside Diana's place all the time if there is not a legitimate news story. What she has done is "but that doesn't prevent the said with the said is "but that doesn't prevent the court affidavit: "I constantly research to the royals that the world, said: "I Mirror group photography at the Who would hurl abuse the ping away from her and the said the

Absolute Picture Agency, said Mr Stemning was not a profes-sional — just a former motor-bike courier who had picked up a camera a matter of months ago. "I think he got what he deserved because he is not a proper photographer. He's a messenger who thought be could make a quick buck by getting into a skilled profession he knew nothing about."

Mike Maloney, chief photographer of Mirror Group Newspapers, said the problem was that any "fly-by-night Johnnie-come-lately" could set themselves up. "They might be welders or bricklaybrought photographers into disrepute.

Phil Loftus, who owns Capital Pictures which sells freelance pictures of the royals around the world, said: "I might be wellers of the said are state of the art camera and suddenly fibey are photographers. They cause problems. We are all tarred with the same brush."

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Miguel Arana, who runs Yesterday, he protested his suffer undue psychological



A policeman restrains a photographer on the day of Diana's divorce PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GODWIN

target," he said. "This woman uses people and I'm being used at the moment and I don't like it.
"I have never hurled abuse

story. What she has done is entirely justifiable and she deserves a break.

"It sounds as though Sterning did overstep the mark." The injunction against Mr Stenning, aged 38, bans him from getting closer to the said. "I don't think he was following a legitimate news story — he was just always there all the time."

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innocence: "I am just a scape- | pressure and become ill." | "If we created a law, would it inhibit the press in their le-gitimate activities? In my view, it would." A privacy law, along the lines of the One of the royal pack, Bren-dan Beirne thought the in-junction might make a difference. I will cartainly be holding back a bit more and keeping away from her and French law, would prevent the exposure of wrong-doing among public figures.

ers. They are licensed by the press who stand apart from them saying they are free-lances or stringers or whatever, but they publish their pictures."
But it was difficult to see

conduct," he said.

Big money and long lenses will keep princess in the frame for years, writes Eamonn McCabe, the Guardian's Picture Editor

their mobile telephones as usual. Most of them have two, one for incoming calls one for outgoing. This time, instead of tipping each other off about where Di or Fergie had been ing cricket but hard to use

together and saying nothing.

The antics of Martin Stenning and his injunction have all of a sudden made the word paparazzi respectable. No decent member of the pack would act the way he is al-leged to have done. Yes, they hang about waiting for her, often over egg and chips in the Cafe Diana at the rear en-

change her routine. "The only way to control this, if we believe in newspeper salf-regulation, is to amend the editors' code of got to do it and like most | real money abroad after it is | they make.

HE royal watchers were | mucky jobs there is real not saying much yester money to be made out if — day. They were using not here in the English newstelephones as papers but abroad in the colour magazines. Stenning will now have to

spotted, they were sticking while handling a motorbike, if he intends to stay in busi-ness, which seems by all accounts to have been pretty quiet so far. Ringing around Fleet

Street, I could find evidence of the use of only one of Stenning's photographs, ironically in the Sun, which exposed him this morning and which has one of the most trance of Kensington Place, but she does not exactly phers, Arthur Edwards, on its

She seems to have come to terms with their regular presence but Stenning, a recent raw recruit, went too far and regularly frightened her. It is lancers attached to a particu-a grubby job but someone has lar title who then make their

published in London. Bylines in newspapers are great

Chasing pretty women in the street to photograph them is nothing new. Over 20 years ago the original paparazzo, Ron Galella, specialised in photographs of Jackie Onas-sis looking shocked and fearsis looking shocked and fear-ful, brought on by threaten-ing behaviour on Galella's part. He was originally banned from going within 150 feet of Jackie and 225 feet 300 metres, but who is going to measure it?

The distance would not be a problem for the likes of Jim Bennett, the king of the papps, who once earned over £35,000 for a picture of Charles and Camilla. With his favourite Nikon 800 lens and converter, three quarters of a mile is no problem.

The Press Complaints Com-mission has tried to draw up a set of rules but photogra-phers driven by real money are not going to look in any rule book.

With Dispayment sheed of

With Diana well ahead of anybody else in the sale of pictures league, photographers like Bennett are going through the lon

£1.6bn gain raises tax cut stakes

Battersea power station plan in doubt after big investors pull out

to the project.

After long negotiations, the companies decided they in the site three years ago look into the park in a size-screen cinema, hundred dreds of shops and a ride through the well-known chimneys.

Tory MPs put pressure on Clarke | would cut taxes even if he firm that the PSBR is on a could not squeeze his cabinet | downward trend." after unexpected borrowing cut

Sarah Ryle

RESSURE on the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke, from Conservative leadership challenger, seized backbenchers to cut taxes in on the recovery of the public the next budget was mount- sector borrowing requireing last night after unex-pected news that Britain cellor on course to meet his moved £1.6 billion into the £26.9 billion target this year, black in July.

repeatedly played down plans to lower taxes in the final budget before the general election, the improvement in public finances fuelled hopes of a headling graphing cut of of a headline-grabbing cut of at least 1p off the basic rate to boost the Conservatives' position in the polls.

taxes in November as he brings expenditure under better control," he said. It rounded off a good week | City experts said Mr Clarks | These welcome figures con-

Group and airport operator BAA have pulled out of the plan to reinvent Battersea

power station as a huge lei-sure and shopping centre.

Their exit, as two of the

four companies involved.

could be a near fatal blow

to demand a reduction in per-

on the economic front for the Government, with unemployment at a five-year low and

inflation stable. John Redwood, former Tory

Although Mr Clarke has sonal taxation.

epeatedly played down plans Mr Redwood urged Mr "I would like him to cut

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View International, a Hong oper, Battersea Leisure, Kong property group. "Unfortunately we and the fourth partner, the Ameri-Really Useful Group have can Gordon Group, have

reached deadlock in negoti-ations," said a spokesman

for BAA. The company

listed the problem areas as

"management control, par-ticularly influence over transport links, and differ-ing interests in the remain-der of the 31-acre site."

colleagues hard enough to off-set the cost with spending

The Government is in the entiations and Mr Clarke's assertions that the economy, not the polls, comes first have been spending ministers.

Nevertbeless, the PSBR has been a thorn in the Treasury's side. It has had to revise forecasts for annual totals when VAT receipts were mysteriously millions of the same point last year.

There was further evident the same point last year. pounds short.

Treasury Secretary Philip Oppenheim said: "The PSBR was £2.5 billion lower than last year even after taking out privatisation proceeds. The PSBR in July was some £1.5 billion better than a year ago.

could not work with Park- after the original devel- feasibility study that was

can Gordon Group, have said they will go ahead, but

BAA was to put up a quar-ter of the estimated £200 million that the project will

cost and the remaining

companies say they may look for new partners.

downward trend."

The Treasury said it had ex-pected a significant improveof tax receipts as well as pro-ceeds from privatisations. The sell-offs generated £800 million, with about £800 million from the flotation of Britdescribed as a strategic ploy to ish Energy and £200 million suppress cash demands from Railtrack.

After the net repayment the cumulative tally for the first four months of this fi-nancial year was £8.77 billion, compared with £12.13 billion There was further evidence

yesterday that the economy is benefiting from a revival of consumer activity as the Brit-ish Retail Consortium reported that credit sales topped a record £1 billion in the three months to June.

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due to run for most of this year. It is thought that the company has already paid

The Really Useful Group,

which was also to have invested heavily, declined to

comment except to say that it backed all BAA's claims.

The plans for the power

station were dramatic, with

a 32-screen cinema, hun

out £100,000.

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Over the past two decades I've thought only occasionally about Clare, pictured the little grave in a Manchester cemetery that we used to visit but don't any more.

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News in brief

12 RUC families driven out of homes

A DOZEN officers of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and their families have had to leave their homes because of threats following the recent disorder over marches in Northern Ire-land. The scale of the intimidation was disclosed after a claim that 100 officers had to move.

An RUC spokesman said yesterday that there had been 146 reported cases of intimidation, and 12 officers and their families had to leave home in the aftermath of the Orange Order stand-off at Drumcree, loyalist protests over the police handling of the Apprentice Boys parade in Londonderry, and a march in the village of Dunloy, Co Antrim. An east Belfast Ulster Unionist councillor, Jim Rodgers, said:

"Feelings were running high in the community during Drumcree and regretfully some people decided to take out their anger on the RUC. Those who had police officers living beside them should do all in their power to get them back."

The Northern Ireland Police Authority has already said that the cost of policing operations in July could reach £10 million.

Children die in house fire

TWO children who died in a fire at their home may have been playing with matches, according to police. Emma Neal, aged six, and her sister Marle, aged three, were found dead in the bedroom of their terraced house in Chelmsford, Esser, early yesterday.

Police said the fire started in the bedroom. Detective Inspector

Tom Harper said: "We have ruled out arson or an electrical fault. I can't think of many other options. They could have been playing with matches or a lighter — although we can't confirm that." The girls' mother, Helen, and their father, Phil — who are both

The girls mother, helen, and then tamer, Phil — who are both in their 30s — brother James, aged 12, and sister Tracey, aged seven, were treated in hospital for the effects of smoke inhalation. Smoke was seen pouring from the girls' bedroom shortly after 7am. A firefightermade a vain attempt to get into the blazing bedroom — even though he was not wearing breathing

Footballer on sex charge

A MANCHESTER City footballer, Andy Dibble, has been charged with indecently assaulting a woman. The 31-year-old reserve beam goalkeeper will appear before magistrates in Trafford, Greater Manchester, next month, jointly charged with another man and a

It is understood the alleged victim made a complaint after a It is understood the alleged victim made a complaint after a party in Fiale, Greater Manchester, on May 18. Mr Dibble, from Bowdon, near Altrincham, Greater Manchester, was arrested in June together with Michael Wood, aged 37, from Woodsmoor, Stockport, and Barbara Goodman, aged 38, from Whitefield, Manchester. The three were balled while police made inquiries and were charged after attending Altrincham police station on Thursday. Mr Dibble signed for the club in 1989, and went into the reserves the following year.

Under-age binge for Oasis

A VISIT to Cork by the Manchester rock group Casis has prompted the Irish city's mayor to call for identity cards to be issued to stop under-age drinking.

A total of 80,000 fans flooded the city for this week's concerts,

and Jim Corr said yesterday: "I was shocked at the number of young people, not aged 18, who were sitting in the streets drinking beer in the early afternoon. I wondered what kind of condition

they would be in late at night, when the concert ended.
"I accept that these concerts are part of youth culture today. But we have a problem with under age drinking. If we had an identity system we could lean heavily on publicans who serve people too

Vicar's death: man remanded

A 31-YEAR-OLD man was remanded in custody yesterday charged with the murder of a vicar who was stabled to death in

the grounds of his church. Terence Storey made a nine-minute appearance at Liverpool magistrates court, and was remanded until Monday. He was charged with murdering Christopher Gray, aged 32, at St Marga-ret's church, Anfield, early on Tuesday. There was no application

Libel trial set for October

NEIL Hamilton MP and lobbyist Ian Greer's libel action against the Guardian over allegations that they took cash for tabling parliamentary questions is to go ahead at the High Court in October. The trial was stayed last year because Mr Justice May ruled that it would breach Westminster's historic right not to have its debates questioned in the courts. Yesterday in the High Court the judge ruled that a section in the Defamation Act, which comes into effect in September, means that the case can now proceed. The Guardian had made an application that the new law prevented a fair trial.



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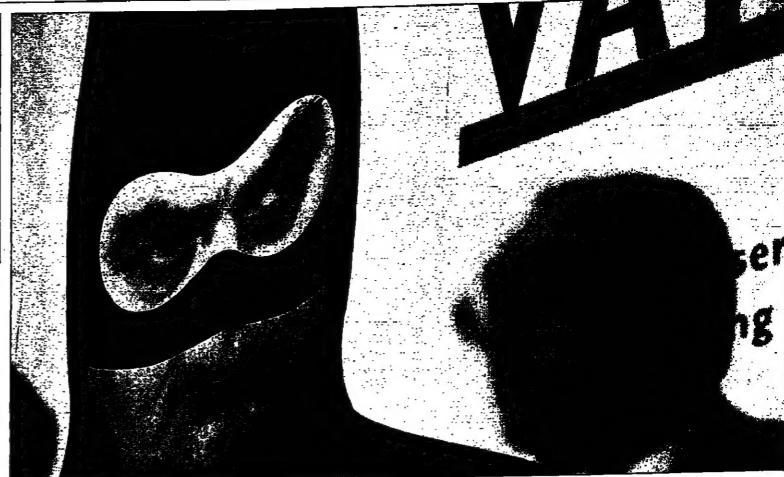
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Advertising watchdog says satanic image may breach code of practice as former communications chief voices disquiet, but Portillo insists the eyes have it



Tories pitch Vatman against 'demon'

Rebecca Smithers Political Corresponds

HE controversy over the Tory advertise-ment demonising Tony Blair escalated yesterday, when the party's former communications chief, Hugh Colver, said the image was unpleasant and in-

Labour's hopes of getting the advertisement banned by the Advertising Standards Authority were boosted when the watchdog chairman, Lord Rodgers, confirmed there was a prima facie case that it breached the industry's code

But the Conservative Party said it was planning to launch a "robust" defence of the mage, which portrays the Labour leader — a practising Christian — as a demon with

blazing red eyes.

Mr Colver — who quit as
Tory director of communications last year — said of the advert: "I don't like it, partly because I don't find it particularly pleasant, but also, more importantly, I just don't think

He admitted the thinking behind such tactics had "partly" led to his departure and claimed he would have argued against the use of the

this is the right tactic for the Conservatives, given the undoubted credibility that Tony Blair has personally and that New Labour has acquired," he told BBC Radio 4's World

But the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, said that the Tories' submission to the Advertising Standards Authority would highlight Labour campaign adverts, such as a 1992 poster featuring the then Chancellor, Norman Lamont, as "Vatman".

Mr Portillo said much of poster.

'I have to say that although 'T think that is based on a leaders have warned that the

one recognises that negative complete misunderstanding advertisement's use of "salor adverse" way. Peter Mancampaigning does tend to and that is that the eyes are not delivery. I do wonder whether demonic. The eyes are not delivery tially dangerous". Yesterday tion planning, welcomed Lord monic. They are dangerous. "What people seem to be very worried about is that the

face of Tony Blair should be used with those eyes. "Do we really have now such a cult of personality in the Labour Party that we cannot do to Tony Blair what the Labour Party happily did to us with Norman Lamont in

19927 The Advertising Standards Authority launched an inves-tigation into whether the poster is offensive this week after complaints from mem-

the Bishop of Aston, the Rt Rev John Austin, said the poster would be disturbing to many Muslims as well as Christians. And an editorial in Reform, the journal of the United Reformed Church, likened the attempts to demonise Mr Blair to attacks on Israeli prime minister Yltzak Rabin shortly before he was

shot dead by a religious The ASA would ban the poster if it is found to breach

hope this will encourage them to clean up their act."

Mr Mandelson rejected the Tories' claim that the poster was in the same vein as Labour's image of Norman Lamont "We were attacking a sub-

tion planning, welcomed Lord Rodgers' comments. "We have full confidence that the

Advertising Standards Au-

thority will reach the most appropriate finding in this

case. The Tories certainly have a case to answer, and we

the industry's code of practice ject, not a person. There were portraying a politician in an "offensive asked for a copy of it."

Outspoken Prescott endangers truce with Blair

Deputy talks of party unease and says some MPs 'can't stomach' certain shadow cabinet members

HE fragile truce between Tony Blair and John Prescott appeared to have been shattered yester Labour deputy leader pub-licly expressed his concern about the speed of change within the party and candidly admitted some MPs "couldn't stomach" certain members of

the shadow cabinet. Just a week after he had ebuked the shadow overseas development spokeswoman, Clare Short, for criticising Mr magazine interview, Mr Pres cott set out his worries in an interview with the Independent — and promptly disappeared on holiday.

Mr Prescott was entrusted to be the party's "caretaker" over the last two weeks, while cabinet elections early and re-lecting the previous team in Tuscany. Last week he took Ms Short to task after by Mr Blair's insistence on

man that Mr Blair risked los ing the general election if he continued to succumb to the influence of the "dark forces" surrounding him.
But Mr Prescott warned

roots activists had been left feeling "uneasy" with the pace of change in the party under Mr Blair's leadership and the speed with which the eadership announced new policies. "Sometimes policies seem

to appear rather quickly. I think this has left the party feeling a little uneasy. But overwhelmingly the party wants to win the next general "That is Tony Blair's over-

all consideration.' Mr Prescott is known to be unhappy that the unifying effect of holding the shadow announcing a new disciplinary code.

That was one of the greatest acts of discipline by the parliamentary party that has ever been recorded. There were lots of MPs voting for people they couldn't stomach but they did not went to pro-vide division," he said in the

But Mr Prescott's use of such strong language to de-note the unpopularity of some members of the shadow cabinet was thought to be directed at former health spokeswoman Harriet Harman, who scraped in at the bottom of the poll and has since been d to the social security brief Mr Prescott wanted Mr Blair to sack her over her decision to send her son to a selective school. Mr Prescott has in the past made no secret of his loathing of the "beauti-

ful people" and advisers who surround Mr Blair. Yesterday Mr Prescott's office said his comments had been blown up out of all proportion.

They pointed to the fact that Mr Blair had acknowledged that there are concerns about the speed of his "mod-





No-nonsense 'man of the people' finds it difficult to fit in with the 'Islington socialist' moderniser

characters as with the New and Old Labour politics they represent, writes tribute to Mr Prescott after Rebecca Smithers.

Since elected as deputy leader two years ago, the former trade unionist has en under the spotlight as he has tried to reconcile his own no-nonsense "man us the people" approach to politics with Mr Blair's "watering down" of Labour's policy on rail renationalisation—a move """ to prompt a bitter

In January he had a heated argument with Mr Blair when he demanded that Harriet Harman be sacked. A famous photograph, taken that day, showed him glaring at Mr Blair at the Commons des-

patch box. Mr Prescott also let it be known that he was angry about his exclusion from

THE strains and tensions between Tony Blair and John Prescott are legendary, and have as much to do with their contrasting with the New with the New level election planning.

Labour's spectacular win in April's Staffordshire byelection. The former transport er's son has, however,

likely to prompt a bitter row at the party confer-

In recent weeks, the two have clashed over the Tube strike. When Mr Blair decided to call on the unions to submit to binding arbitration, Mr Prescott had to deny reports that he had been so angry he had to be "scraped off the wall".

Watchdog to investigate 'lost' coal worth £24m

HE National Audit Office is to investigate an alle-gation that nearly £24 million worth of coal, said to have gone missing from a British Coal colliery two years ago, has turned up in stockpiles owned by the main private coal company, RJB Mining.

The office agreed to study the claims after receiving a complaint from Paddy Tip-ping, Labour MP for the Not-tinghaven him constituency of tinghamshire constituency of Sherwood, where the coal is alleged to have been found at the former Rufford colliery. Mr Tipping wrote to the of-fice's comptroller and auditor general, Sir John Bourn, expressing concern about reports of hundreds of thouands of tonnes of surplus coal at Rufford, in what appeared to be a "windfall gain" of more than £23 million worth of taxpayers' assets

through privatisation. There is speculation in the nining industry that the discrepancy may be the result of an accounting error. Esti-mates of the disputed stockpile vary between 400,000 and 750,000 tonnes - enough to cover at least two football pitches to a height of six feet. "There is increasing concern in the Nottingham coalfield that this is yet another rip-off," Mr Tipping said yes-terday. "We need to establish whether there is clearly a loss

to the taxpayer and a loss to the Exchequer. The people of Nottingham already feel be-trayed by the Government to the new allega-tion. Mr Longdon said that, if the latest claims were correct, over coal privatisation."

A spokesman for RJB said yesterday that it had bought most of British Coal's working pits and stocks on the basis of two stock surveys in the run-up to privatisation at the end of 1994 — one for the Government and one for RJB. After taking into account subsequent sales, there was "no

There is concern in the Nottingham coalfield that this is yet another rip-off

significant discrepancy" be tween the results of those surveys and what was left on the

The controversy has its origins in a 1994 scandal within BC, when a gap of 600,000 tonnes of coal, which would fill 20,000 lorries, was found between recorded and actual stocks at Rufford. Two senior BC managers — John Long-don, the Midlands area director, and Mike Gore, the Nottinghamshire marketing manager — were forced out as a result, amid rumours that the coal had been deliberately

comment on the new allegahe believed the problem wa the result of compounded errors in stock surveys, which were "notoriously difficult' and appeared to have underestimated the quantity of coal at Rufford. There was no suggestion of dishonesty on the part of RJB, which had paid for what it thought it was buying. But he hoped any new information would "clear away the shadow over

my own honesty and ntegrity". In his letter, Mr Tipping wrote: "I have received several reports that the coal stocks at Rufford were larger than the reassessed assets. In-deed, it has been alleged that the missing 660,000 tonnes have now been 'found' at Ruf-

RJB Mining had been "very straightforward" in its response, believing "it had only acquired the assets it paid for through the privatisation process". But he added that "the complaint has been made to me that, if these reports are correct, then RJB Mining has received a substantial asset at no cost and to the disadvan-

tage of the taxpayer".

A spokesman for the office said yesterday that it had received the letter: "We intend to try and find out what has happened, and will probably involve the Department of Trade and Industry in our

Warning to colleges on 'poaching'

Education Correspo

POACHING of students by universities has cost coleges thousands of pounds in lost fee income and provoked warning from the admis sions service.

Tony Higgins, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, issued a warning to admissions tutors in the current country of colleges and colleges are the current country of the current current current country of the current round following complaints from colleges and some uni-versities. They said students signed up for diploma courses were being lured away by offers from universities. This year's record A level results have lead to students

gaining places quicker than I to meet recruitment targets in previous years but some this year have been particudifficulties in filling their vacancies.

A further drop in the number of candidates doing science A levels was announced this week

All higher education appli-cations for university and col-leges are supposed to be proed through UCAS. But Mr. Higgins warned the 250 insti-tutions in the service that "over-enthusiastic" tutors who had met their targets might go to students they had earlier rejected and encour age them to apply direct.
Further education colleges
which face intense pressures

engineering and science larly incensed. Richard courses are still experiencing Evans, principal of Stockport Evans, principal of Stockport College, said that two years ago he lost 100 students each worth between £2,000 and £5,000 in income from the funding council. He expects posching to occur into the autumn term

courses at the college By yesterday 190,000 of the expected 290,000 new entrants this year had received firm

 Teesside University has been awarded £350,000 to run "summer colleges" for four years for students to improve their skills and knowledge before starting degrees.

Son' of Rab C. Nesbitt dies

THE actor Eric Cullen, who played Wee Burney in the TV comedy series Rab C. Nesbitt, until he was convicted of paedophile offences, died in hospital yesterday, aged 31. He was admitted to Hair-

myres Hospital, near Glas-gow, on Wednesday and underwent emergency surgery for abdominal pain.
The 4ft tall actor, who

played Rab C. Nesbitt's gawky son in the BBC series starring Gregor Fisher, was one of Scotland's most popular actors until he was charged with offences involving children. Police discovered child purnography at his home.

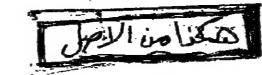
With Cullen facing court action, BBC Scotland wrote him out of the Rab C. Neshitt scripts. At the High Court in Edinburgh last year Cullen admitted four charges of indecency. He was jailed for nine months but released after two weeks in Barlinnie prison after lodging an appeal.

At Scotland's Court of

Criminal Appeal, Cullen's lawyers said he had been sexually abused since he was 13 and had become a target for paedophiles because his height made him look like a child. His sentence was educed to three years' probation. He later took a drugs

In his last recorded interview Cullen said: "Going on stage helped me to escape

Derek Malcolm reviews the latest film releases every Thursday in Guardian



Farmers face ruin after collapse of talks on slaughter payments ● Old soldier attacks bar on muck

Cash row halts Ulster **BSE** cull

David Sharrock

ORTHERN Ireland's beef farmers have been plunged deeper into crisis as the BSE cattle cull comes to a halt today because of a row over the cost of carrying out the

Negotiations between the Northern Ireland Meat Ex-porters Association (NIMEA) and the Northern Ireland Office over payments broke down on Thursday night. With 90,000 animals left to be culled, farmers are facing ruin unless the dispute can be

swiftly resolved.

Meat plant operators were being paid £87.50 a beast for killing the 30-month-old cows, but it is understood that the Government is seeking to cut the rate to £47.

George Trevelyan, chief ex-ecutive of the Meat Intervention Board, which adminis-ters the scheme, said yesterday: "We haven't agreed a new price but the job should be done for considerably less, the process is fairly straightforward and simple."

The Northern Ireland agri-culture minister Baroness Denton appealed to NIMEA to go back into negotiations.
"If the cull is stopped, the

people who will suffer are the farmers. The Government has put £2.5 billion in and more — this will just make it so much

worse for the farmers," she

"It's not enough for the factories to be killing just 4,000 agenda if it is a cattle a week when there's a the meantime."

90,000 backlog," said a farmer yesterday. "We're here in the middle of August and the autumn is coming forward quite fast. With no rain recently, grass is becoming scarce and these cattle may

scarce and these cattle may have to be housed again and that would be a complete disaster," he said.

"Realthy prime beef, young cattle, millions of people in the world starving—there's something ethically and morally many here."

ally wrong here.
"The Government don't understand the severity of the problem in Northern Ireland and they are going to have to do something radical about it immediately."

The Ulster Farmers Union president, Greer McCollum, told the NIMEA to "stop play-ing around with the liveli-boods of our beef farmers. "This is another terrible blow to the farmers' morale.

But let me say the Govern-ment, as far as this cull scheme is concerned, had not met the commitments promised to farmers." Mr McCollum said farmers

were now contemplating burning their animals them-selves, as happened during the foot-and-mouth scare. "But this is a route I would not like to have to go down," he said. Leslie Craig, chairman of

the local Agricultural Produc-ers Association, said: "We would hope for everyone's sake that this can be resolved quickly and before Monday

"We are meeting senior offi-cials of the Ministry of Agri-culture in London and this will certainly be on top of our agenda if it is not resolved in



Retired major Frank Homfray at work down on the farm. 'Orders for manure have just disappeared'

Farmer rails at 'crazy' Germans as British manure is turned away because of mad cow disease

fallen foul of the BSE scare, it was claimed yesterday, writes Hannah Pool.

BRITISH cow manure has | Homfray, of Penllyn Estate Farm, Cowbridge, South Wales, can no longer sell the manure from his prize Retired major Frank | winning cows to Germany

a year to the Germans, but now because of the BSE scare and the propaganda that they have been fed the have just

disappeared." The manure from an 800strong herd of Marchigin- tres. Major Homfray dis-

because they are scared of I iana bulls and cows goes catching mad cow disease. into Cowbrige Concen-Major Homfray. 73, said: trated Cattle Compost, "We used to sell 12,000 bags which the major claims is five times stronger than normal farm yard manure and does not smell. The farm produces 300-400 tonnes of fertiliser every year, most of which goes to local farms and garden cen-

missed worries about BSE man paranoia about BSE."

Farmers Union said: "This is symptomatic of the Ger-Major Homfray has pledged to give £10,000 to charity if anyone could prove a case of CJD human form of BSE being contracted through

'Absurd theatre' as Old Master is purchased just on deadline

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UST as the export han on Guercino's Erminia Finding The Wounded Tancred expired at midnight on Thursday, the final £17,500 of Scotland, said yesterday:

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> Scotsman newspaper from Angus Grossart, chairman of the National Galleries of Scotland, cast doubt on Mr Clifford's assertion that the pur-chase had been a nall-biting event. "We believe that the purchase is a great triumph for Scotland." Mr Grossart wrote, several hours before the deadline. Mr Clifford revealed also that the anonymous donor of the £17,500 had agreed to make up the short-fall whatever the figure.

A letter in yesterday's Timothy Clifford: criticised over announcement

address another criticism of the purchase, that the 17th century Italian Old Master, which has been in the possession of the Howard family of Castle Howard in Yorkshire for more than 200 years, had Mr Grossart was writing to little relevance to Scotland. the wallpaper.

Under the headline "Heritage. schmeritage", Duncan Mac-milian had asked in the Scotsnan: "Is it the importance of the purchaser, the place, or them as witnesses.
the length of time it hung The vicar of Launceston tage what was once a lot in an

Christie's in London by the Earl of Carlisle in 1772, is not regarded as an exceptional exemple of the artist's work. "It's very nice, but it's only sophisticated wallpaper," said Murdo Macdonald, lec-

turer in cultural studies at the University of Edinburgh. "Mr Clifford has an ignorance of Scotland complicated by delusions of grandeur."

Dr Macdonald said that in

one way the painting did be-long in the gallery. "It's the only thing that goes with the red walls," he said. Mr Clif-ford, needless to say, chose the wallsparer.

French police start Comish inquiry

Geoffrey Gibbs

RENCH detectives ar-rived in Cornwall early yesterday morning to begin briefing British police about plans to reinterview schoolfriends of the murdered Launceston teenager Caroline

Dickinson. Amid continued uncertainty about the details of the cross-channel investigation, Caroline's headmaster spoke of the determination of chil-

of the determination of chu-dren at the school to help catch her killer

Caroline, who was 13, was raped and suffocated four weeks ago while on a school trip to Brittany. She was among a party of 40 children and five adults from Launces-ton College staving at a youth ton College staying at a youth hostel in Pleine Fougeres

near St Malo.

A 39-year-old vagrant who confessed to the murder was released from police custody last week after DNA tests showed he had not committed

showed the flad not committee the rape. Speaking at a press confer-ence yesterday, headteacher Alan Wroath said children, teachers and parents wanted to do everything they could to help the police despite the prospect of having to relive

heir ordeal. "We hope that these inquiries can be completed as quickly as is possible. Above all we hope that there may perhaps be some piece of information that may lead to the arrest of the man who has inflicted so much pain on our

community. Asked whether the families would agree to DNA testing of the five teenage boys on the trip. Mr Roath said: "My understanding is the parents will co-operate as far as they

possibly can."

He said he did not have de tails of the information the French police wanted, but said they had made it clear on several occasions they were coming to Launceston because they wanted to talk to the children and work with

the Rev Tim Newcombe, who has been comforting Caro-line's family since the tragedy, called for the interviews to be conducted with privacy.

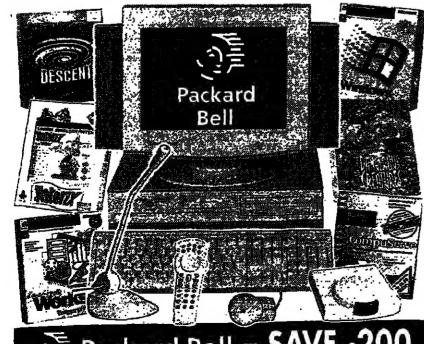
Other families he had been in touch with had reacted to news of the renewed questioning with a mixture of feelings and emotions: "Sadness that this is necessary; relief that a week of speculation is over; and hope that the help they could give our own authorities and the French authorities will lead to a conviction. The process of checking statements given by the school party in France will begin on Monday. Filmed interviews with pupils will be conducted by Devon and

Cornwall police officers.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: Party faithful cheer lukewarm wrap-up in San Diego



Awkward Dole fails to wow America

Jonathan Freedland In San Diego

PECTATIONS for Bob Dole's acceptance speech had been low — even his best friends admit he is no orator - but anticipation after a week of build-up was high. His supporters hoped and his opponents feared the Republican candidate would deliver the speech of his life. Yesterday it appeared his achievement was more modest, leaving an audience not exactly

But the first reviews for his performance were lukewarm. eloquence," was the kindest remark that Peggy Noonan,

the speech-writer credited

with some of Ronald Reagan's best lines, could manage. "He would build up a good theme and then drop it," she said. Ms Noonan also faulted the candidate for successfully sketching a moral critique of the United States, only to conclude "with a cheap 'and it's all Bill Clinton's fault'."

several American "hot button ssues," Ms Fitzpetrick said it was now up to Mr Clinton to show why he had the moral authority to be president.

But she, too, concluded that

Mr Dole's frequent stumbling, his awkward body posture and his habit of treading on his own applause lines diminished his effectiveness. "He should have said 'I'm not good at this'," Ms Fitzpat-rick said, explaining that the polls show fear of public speaking is America's most

to vice-president Dan Quayle, was disappointed. "It was not forward-looking or optimistic. It was about an America that once was." Republican office holders

were more effusive. The gov-ernor of California, Pets Wilson, told Mr Dole: "You gave the most courageous speech I've ever heard from a presidential candidate." The par ty's majority leader in the House of Representatives, Dick Armey, said: "This was a 10 or better. Democrats, however, seized

wowed by his performance.
"I thought it was all right," a braver face. Kellyanne Fitzsaid the nominee himself of patrick, a Republican poll-conservative Weekly Stan-

his moment in the national ster, said it was a "well-exe dard and former chief of staff | ing that Mr Clinton had not | kisses. I suppose — but spotlight. "I liked it." | cuted speech" that pressed to vice-president Dan Quayle, even bothered to watch the speeches are always better speech. A senior adviser. George Stephanopoulos, said: This was the most partisan, negative and divisive acceptance speech since Barry Goldwater in 1964," referring to the ultra-right Republican nominee who famously de-clared: "extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice."

The nation's pundits also delivered a mixed verdict on the speech. The main television networks agreed it was

speeches are always better short." He criticised Mr Dole for delivering a speech, "writ-ten by committee", offering a shopping list of issues with no connecting vision or theme. But initial evidence from focus groups of voters suggested that Mr Dole's some-thing-for-everyone approach might have succeeded with

the electorate. One such group convened by the Cable News Network in-

cluded a father who liked Mr probably too long. Ron Elving, the political editor of Congressional Quarterly magazine, said: "Some things are good long — novels and nity scholarships.

Creoles feel the squeeze in Belize identity struggle

Phil Gunson in **Belize City reports** on the country's painful transition and the problem of racial tension

AKE the bus north towards the Mexican border from this tiny Caribbean port and you may find yourself wondering what country you are in.

Signs in Chinese line the roadside, and the radio plays a mixture of ballads in Spanish and English, mingled with eggae. In the former British col-

ony of Belize, where your Sri Lankan curry may well be served by a Spanish-speaking waiter of Guatemalan origin, the once-dominant black Creole population is waking up to the fact that it is no longer even the largest minority. At the same time, with the British link becoming more tenuous since the withdrawal two years ago of the bulk of British forces, the realities of geopolitics are forcing the government to adapt to the requirements of Washington rather than Whitehall.

Neither is an easy transition. "I don't want to come across as anti-American, but we've always been so much more comfortable with Brit-ain in the post-independence era," the deputy prime minis-ter, Dean Barrow, said.

tions in "a much more adroit way", while Washington can be offensively insensitive, be Last month the Belizeans

sent Washington a sharp proest note after an oute critical references to the country's record on drug trafficking and alien smuggling. "It was a shot across our bows," said Mr Barrow. He believes Washington's irritation dates back to the Beliz-eans' refusal to accede to a 1994 request to house Cuban and Haitian refugees. Then came an argument over the terms of a treaty on the return of stolen US cars.

"We recognise they're far too powerful for us to be playing foolish games," Mr Barrow said. "But we don't want to be smothered by them."
With 54 pirated US cable television, and a street cul- said Nuri Muhammad, directure heavily influenced by tor of a government youth south-central Los Angeles where many Belizean emigrés live — some might argue the that in time Spanish will bebattle is half lost already. But it is not the US influ-

nese and Hispanics get stuck in and unite and they get a piece of the pie." said Robert, a father of seven who de-scribes himself as a "gopher — go fer this, go fer that", and wants immigration halted.

About 16,000 people from central America, fleeing wars in their own countries, came to Belize in the 1980s -- a substantial figure in a country of only 200,000 people. in addition, the governmen handed out an undetermined

number of passports and land grants to wealthy Aslans wanting to settle in an English-speaking country close to the US. Chinese from Hong Kong

and Taiwan began parcelling up the land for sale to their compatriots, causing some local people to mutter that the government was selling the

country to foreigners.
"It hasn't created that much tension, but it did take people's minds off the Hispanic issue," said Stewart Krohn, the managing director of a local television station. In 1991, census figures showed that Hispanics had become the largest minority.



tion, while the Creoles had de-clined from 40 per cent to less than 30 per cent.

Emigration to the US was a big factor in this dramatic demographic shift. But to many poor blacks, the Chinese have come in and put the Hispan-ics to work, leaving Creoles on the sidelines.

So far, however, the evidence of tension is confined to isolated incidents, and many feel the country's special cul-tural identity is strong

enough to survive.
"Don't forget that Kriol (the Belizean Creole language) is still the lingua franca even

But Mr Barrow believes come an official languag But it is not the US influence that worries the black cal destiny is impossible to Creole population. "The Chi- avoid," he said.

What the papers — and the networks — say

It was the climax of the show, and the nominee's shot at the biggest prize of all. But the media were not all swayed

VINTAGE PERFORMANCE

DOLE looked visibly relieved and was no doubt pleased with his performance . . . It was a vintage Bob Dole performance. — Tom Brokaw. NBC television

ENERGETIC AURA

DOLE and Kemp are different candidates than they were a month ago, with dramatically altered positions. Dole has surely not forgotten his painful struggles to keep supply-side economics from bankrupting the country during the Reagan era. But he stens on to the campaign trail a born-again supply-sider. Komp has just done an aboutface on some of his foundation principles, such as support for affirmative action and defence of the children of

illegal immigrants. Dole and Kemp now have a more energetic aura, and tens of millions of dollars in newly to buy advertisements. What they do not have any longer is a base from which to criticise Clinton for his well-known willingness to shift with the political winds. — Leader comment, New York Times

SENSE OF PLACE

IN A surprisingly confrontational speech, Mr Dole set the stage for a presidential campaign to be fought on both ideological and generational grounds . . . Never known as a captivating orator. Dole was

more forceful than chartsmatic: yet he projected a strong sense of place and conviction that evoked a powerful response from the partisans in the hall . . . Transforming a

presidential race in a single night may be too much to ask for any address . . . But, after eeming to wander without a clear direction for much of the past few months. Dole on Thursday may have met one of his principal, if baseline, goals: to convince Americans that the race presented them with "crystal-clear differences". — Ronald Brown Los Angeles Times

LAUNDRY LIST

THE convention did better for Bob Dole than Bob Dole did at the convention. It was too long a speech, it was a compendium, it was a laundry

list, it had too much in the middle. - Mark Shields, Public Television

FINGERS OFF

THE great imponderable now is whether Dole converted enough of his unseen audience, the nation's

politically agnostic voters, to give himself a real chance in November. He spoke for 57 minutes, straining the limits of television's short attention span. But at a minimum, he used the largest audience of his life to give a much fuller account of what makes him

tick than ever before. He portrayed himself as a man with his feet planted on the bedrock of American tradition, a John Wayne or a Jimmy Stewart doing battle with a president whom he pictured as rootless, glib, expedient and imprudent

He kept his finger off the hottest of hot buttons. like abortion and school prayer, and sometimes sounded as if he were talking back to the platform his party adopted this week . . . Richard Nixon once said:

"There is one thing solid and fundamental in politics; the law of change. What's up today is down tomorrow." Dole now has about 11 weeks of tomorrows to make that come true in the presidential politics of 1996. — R. W.

American dreams and wise words from Bob

The following are excepts from Bob Dole's acceptance speech on Thursday night as the Republican Party's presidential candidate:

■HO am I that stands before you? I come from good people, from very good people, and I'm proud of it... I stand, with my feet on the ground, just a man at the many of Sed.

man at the mercy of God.

This perspective has been strengthened and solidified by a certain wisdom that I owe not to any achievement of my own, but to the gracious compensations of age . . . Age has its advantages. Let

me be the bridge to an America that only the unknowing call myth. Let me be the bridge to a time of tranquility, faith, and confidence in action. To those who say it was never so, that America has not been better. I say. you're wrong, and I know, be cause I was there . . .

You work from January 1 You work from January 1 into May just to pay your taxes, so that the party of government can satisfy its priorities with the sweat of your brow ... That has simply got to stop. It is demeaning to the nation that within the Clinton administration as come of the administration a corps of the elite who never grew up, never did anything real, never gration. The right and obligation of a sovereign nation to control its own borders is benever learned, should have control its own borders is be-the power to fund with your youd debate. We should not retary-general.

elf-serving schemes . . . And make no mistake about it, my economic programme

is the right policy for America . . . It means you will have a president and a Congress who have the will to balance the budget by the year 2002. It means you will have a presi-dent who will reduce taxes 15 per cent across the board for every taxpayer in America...

The Clinton administration just doesn't get it — they think they're in charge of you. And that's why they have got to go . . .

The Clinton administration just doesn't get it -That's why they have got to go'

We must also commit our-selves to trade policy that does not suppress pay and threaten American jobs. By any measure, the trade policy of the Clinton administration has been a disaster... Let me speak about immi-

earnings their dubious and I have here a single illegal imnigrant. But the question of immigration is broader than that, and let me be specific. A family from Mexico who ar rived this morning, legally, has as much right to the American dream as the direct descendants of the founding

> Because of misguided prior ities, there have been massive cuts in funding for our national security. I believe President Clinton has failed to adequately provide for our future defence. For whatever reason his neglect, it is irre

On my first day in office, I will put America on a course that will end our vulnerability to missile attack and rebuild our armed forces ... On my first day in office, I will also put terrorists on notice: If you harm one American, you harm all Americans. And America will pursue you to the ends of the earth. In short, don't mess with us unless you are pre-pared to suffer the

I will never commit the American soldier to an ordeal without the prospect of vic-tory. And when I am presi-dent, our men and women in our armed forces will know the president is his command-er-in-chief — not Boutros Boutros-Ghali or any UN sec-

Alberta site reveals traces of 'first North Americans'

ARCHAEOLOGISTS dig-ging into a cliff face in Calgary have found what they say is the earliest evidence of human habitation in North America, according to a report yesterday by the Cana-dian Press news agency. The site in western Canada is at least 20,000 years old, based on the geology and the artefacts discovered, said an archaeologist-geologist, Jiri

Chlachula, who is leading the Mr Chlachula became convinced that prehistoric hu-mans had lived at the site when he found stone tools and flakes earlier this year. scattered amid glacier-depos-ited stones. Characteristic flaking on the crude stone scrapers and other artefacts shows they could only have been made by people, he said. He did not want to give the

exact location of the site, to prevent the curious from disturbing the find.

Mr Chlachula, a university professor in the Czech Republic, acknowledged that his find will be controversial. His claim is backed by a Universi-ty of Alberta archaeologist, Alan Bryan, who is also work-

ing on the dig.

Many North American archaeologists, however, be-lieve that Alberta was first occupied about 11,500 years ago, 8,500 years later than Mr Chlachula believes his evi-

dence indicates.

It would be "very significant" if Mr Chlachula is correct, said Gerry Oetelaar, a University of Calgary archae-ology professor. In theory, he added, nothing would have prevented people from reaching Alberta more than 11,500 years are

years ago. Archaeologists have generally accepted that the earliest site of human habitation in Canada is in the Yukon. It is believed to have been occupied 17,000 years ago by people who crossed the Be-ring Strait land-bridge from Asia to North America.

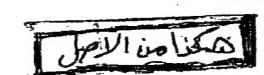
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as Cypriots bury 'hero'

Chris Drake in Nicosia

OWING to appeals for restraint, mourners at the funeral yesterday of a Greek Cypriot who was shot dead by Turkish forces on Wednesday agreed not to demonstrate afterwards, leading to hopes that a week of communal violence is over.

The victim, Solomos Solomou, aged 25, was hit five times by gunfire as he tried to climb a Turkish flagpole during protests that followed the burial of his cousin, Tassos

Isaac was beaten to death by Turks in the same area of the United Nations buffer zone in south-eastern Cyprus on Sunday, during Greek Cypriot demonstrations over the island's partition.

Yesterday's burial rites took place at the same church in Paralimni, and again it was filled while thousands packed the square outside. Many people wept and a police band playing dirges led the procession of several hundred relatives.

Witnesses said police turned back small growns of

turned back small groups of youths who tried to approach the area. Police helicopters circled overhead.

In his sermon, Archbishop Chrysostomos appealed to young Greek Cypriots to refrain from

"Your demonstrations showed you have the Greek fighting spirit which leads you," he said. "You helped the political leadership pro-mote the just demands of Cyprus for justice and restoration of human rights. Because the aim of the event was achieved, you should avoid new demonstrations.

"Soon you will show again that you are Greeks, descendants of heroes and martyrs. Turkish Cypriots had accused the archbishop of inciting Greek Cypriots to vio-lence in a flery sermon he

gave on Wednesday. The appeals for restraint came from Solomou's father and government leaders. The ceremony was also altered, in the hope of deterring mourn-

wards. Unlike Wednesday's service for Isaac, President Glafcos Clerides did not attend, but was represented by

The fimeral was originally scheduled for today so that the Greek prime minister, Costas Simiris, could fly in from Athens to attend.

Instead of a morning cere mony, which would have left potential demonstrators plenty of daylight hours in which to take full advantage of the television coverage, the funeral was held at sunset.

Then, in a move demanded by the UN, Greek police and national guardsmen were in-structed to make certain no protesters reached the buffer zone, where Turkish troops were fully prepared for action on the other side.

Trenches were dug and rolls of barbed wire brought in to block the route, and for the first time, the police were riot gear. They were armed with tearges and batons. The UN had sent in addi-

from 39 Regiment, Royal Artillery, to help the Austrian and Hungarian peacekeepers. The Turkish forces were also told that, should any demonstrators reach the rone the strators reach the zone, the UN soldiers were to be left to

Thursday's visit by Tur-key's foreign minister, Tansu Ciller, to the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which only her country recognises, provided some tough public talking, but also a call for the UN to push for a settlement. Mr Simitis, who arrives for

talks today, is expected to take a strong line too, but the emphasis will be on the prospects for peace.

The main difficulty is the continued intransigence being shown by the two communities and their reluctance to make the concessions

settlement will require. In the north yesterday, two rightwing Turkish parties formed a new coalition

 Turkey's Anatolian news agency said Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, had ser

No protests Grave problem haunts Taiwan



Chiang Kai-shek (left), his son and successor as Taiwan's president, Chiang Ching-kuo (centre), and Chiang Wego, who wants his father and brother buried on the Chinese mainland

Andrew Higgins in Tzuhsi on a sovereignty dispute centred on Chiang Kai-shek's 21-year wake

shaded serenity of Chiang Kai-shek's country retreat lurks a grave problem rexing both sides of China's unsettled civil war: what to

years, marooned in a big black box in front of the fireplace and guarded around the clock by soldiers with silver helmets, unsmiling faces and

bayonets on their rifles. A florist arrives each week at the traditional courtyard home in the hills outside the Taiwanese capital, Taipei, to deliver a fresh batch of white

chrysanthemums. Such are the ghoulish rituals surrounding the skeleton of Generalissimo Chiang, the Chinese ruler who fled the mainland in 1949, spent the rest of his life dreaming of a triumphal return, and still

waits a final journey home. When he died in 1975 he was put in what was suppos tained for questioning for a to be temporary storage in a few hours, others for two crate-like marble casket — a symbol of Taiwan's determination to recover the mainland and provide a proper burial alongside ancestors in the southern Chinese prov-

ince of Zhejiang.

His family, though, is fed up with the marathon wake.

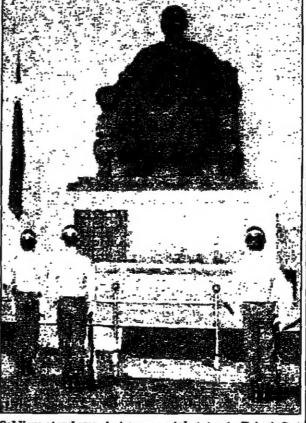
Relatives, alarmed by Taiwan's transition from dicta-

MID the bamboo- torship to unruly and irrevershaded serenity of ent democracy, have suggested moving the corpse to the still Communist-controlled but, they hope, more respectful mainland.

The same journey has been It has been there for 21 wan's president, Chiang ching-kuo — whose own "temporary" resting place is a former hotel just down the road from the Generalissimo's courtyard mausoleum. We don't care what they

do with their bloody bodies but even to raise the issue is an insult to the people of Tai-wan," said Parris Chang, a pro-independence MP for the gressive Party. "It shows the Chiang family never really considered Taiwan their home. For them Taiwan is just a Holiday Inn, a place to stay before going back to the mainland."

Also perturbed are Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party (KMT), the beir to Chiang's legacy, and its old rival in Beijing, the Chinese Communist Party. With rela tions still testy after the mis-sile tests and military bom-bast of the spring, neither side wants to confront an issue so laden with volatile political symbolism.



Soldiers stand guard at a memorial statue in Taipei. But

or undermine their one common cause - the eventual reunification of China "Normally this would be a family affair, but in this case it

that bandles family and other problems involving China. The furore originated with Chiang Kai-shek's last surviving son, Chiang Wego, an ailpolitical symbolism.

Neither Beijing nor Taipei
can decide whether moving the bones would strengthen

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is a national matter, said ing former general who trained with Hitler's Wehrland of the Straits Exchange the bones would strengthen foundation, a Taiwanese body sion of Austria and now as mob rule. Last month, claiming to have consulted his stepmother, Madame Chiang Kal-shek, aged 98 — who quit Tai-

wan in disgust five years ago and emigrated to America he warned that the bodies risk desecration in Taiwan. He sounded the alarm after Taipei's pro-independence mayor demolished his country villa. This was the the waning privileges of the once omnipotent Chiang dysuspected of stirring up the corpse crisis to take revenge

on Taiwan's current leaders. Also perhaps weighing on his mind were the warnings of experts in the traditional Chinese art of feng-shui. Plagued by ill health and other setbacks, the family has been urged to get the bodies buried properly to appease angry spirits. China is discomfited by the

prospect of being burdened with the bones of its arch foes and has mumbled uneasily that the time is not yet ripe.
In recent years, Beijing has
stopped vilifying Chiang Kaishek as a brutal traitor and
has turned his home village of subped vinying Chang Karshek as a brutal traitor and
has turned his home village of
Kikou into a lucrative tourist
attraction. Allowing the
bodies back, though could
turn a harmless tourist trap into a political shrine.

Taiwan's leaders are also ill at ease. President Lee Tenghui set up a task force to study the question — the customary way of burying uncomfortable issues. The KMT standing committee decreed that "the ssue is important but there is no time pressure".

from KMT elders. Chiang Wego agreed to rephrase his proposal. Summoned to ex plain himself, he said he had been misunderstood: "Even the most stupid person knows it is not yet time to send the remains back. But it is most important to start planning and preparing for the reburial before it is too late." Bernard Joei, the Genera lissimo's former translator. has urged President Lee to

The Chiang family never considered Taiwan their home. For them Taiwan is just a Holiday Inn'

his "reunification bona fides" and calm China's fear that Taiwan is drifting towards

"By agreeing to send the bodies back to the mainland he shows that he agrees there is only one China and that he

to the mainland. "Lee Teng hui can't let the coffins go," said Li Au, a Tai-

wanese author who has written scathing biographies of Chiang Kai shek and President Lee. "He needs them as a totem. The Chiang dynasty is dead but our leaders still need

growing calls for change

John Agilonby in Jakarta

DRESIDENT Subarto ruled out any change to Indone sia's authoritarian political system in his annual state of the nation address yesterday and warned that Communism was again threatening the

fabric of society.

Speculation has risen since riots in Jakarta last month that Suharto might open up the country's political system But in his speech the presi-dent, who has been in power for 30 years, said: "Let us all respect the national consenrespect the national consensus we have agreed upon with great difficulty. And let us not tinker with it just for the sake of fulfilling the ambitions of individuals. individuals or groups.

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Currently only three par-ties are allowed in Indonesia. under a law passed in 1985. The calls for change, Suharto said, come from a resurgent Communist movement. The Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) was banned in 1966, a year after an abortive

coup attempt.
Subarto has blamed the fledgling leftwing Democratic People's Party (PRD) and its leader, Budiman Sudjatmiko, for spreading Communism and trying to overthrow the government by instigating the riots on July 27 and 28. He dismissed the sugges tion that the unrest was caused by a desire for greater

democracy, calling the riots "anarchist actions, undemoanarchist actions, undemo-cratic and irresponsible".

More than 280 people, in-cluding Sudjatmiko, have been arrested since the un-rest, sparked by the armed forces storming the headquar-ters of the Indonesian Demo-cratic Party, occupied by sun-

cratic Party, occupied by sup-porters of its ousted leader, Megawati Sukarnoputri. Missing from Suharto's speech, made on the eve of In-donesia's 51st anniversary of independence, was any men-

Suharto rejects | Radicals held in big Saudi round-up

Kathy Evans

PEPORTS are surfacing among London-based Saudi dissident groups that hundreds -- and possibly as many as 1,000 -- Muslim radicals have been detained in the kingdom in connection with the Dhahran bombing last June which killed 19

They are said to include militant Sunnis who fought in the Afghan war in the 1980s, Wahhabi groups, and the ex-tremist wing of the Shi'ite movement. Some were deweeks or more. About 200 are still in custody, adding to the 400 Islamic activists in jail, dissident sources said.

Al-Quds al-Arabi, the London-based Arabic daily news-paper, reported earlier this week that six Arab Afghans had confessed to the bombing after extensive torture. According to Saad al-Faqih, a spokesman for the opposition Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia, the six suspects are in prison in Jubail, a town north-west of Dhahran, and will appear on television soon. United States investigators

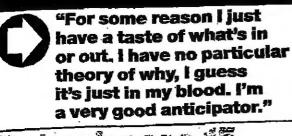
suspects, Saudi sources said. Ken Bacon, the US defend department spokesman, refused to comment on the report, but other officials con-firmed that widesproad ar-rests have been made.

Saudi sources said yesterday that the Americans are being kept at arms length from the investigation by the

Saudi security services.

"The Saudis don't like out siders being involved in their internal security affairs. No do the Americans want to be embarrassed about reports of suspects being tortured," a senior Saudi commentator

The Saudi authorities are



News in brief

Israeli army plans roads through West Bank government officials, has not

THE Israeli army has drawn up a secret, multi-milliou-dollar plan to build more than 300 miles of roads through the occupied West Bank, Israel radio reported on Thursday.

Coming on the heels of a decision to let West Bank settlers acquire 300 mobile homes as temporary shelters for schools, and news that thousands of Israelis have illegally occupied vacant

shout at boars

It quoted officials as sug-

gesting that peasants

should try shouting and

making "a loud noise" to

get the animals out of their fields. — Reuter

HE Israeli army has spite an official freeze, the drawn up a secret, multiplan alarmed Israelis opposed illion-dollar plan to build to expansion of Jewish "If the government builds these roads, this is going to be the end of the Oslo agree-

ment," said Mossi Raz, secre tary-general of the group

reported that nine Palestinian houses were destroyed in the The 51-page road plan, reportedly drafted by General Uzi Dayan, the West Bank commander of the Israeli army, and given to senior

past week in Jerusalem and the West Bank, partly to make way for roads already ap-proved to serve settlements.—

ment. The defence ministry acknowledged the existence of the classified report on Thursday, but refused further

The Palestinian media

storm campus South Korean police stormed a Second university yesterday for the third consecutive day in an

OFFICIALS in north-east Romania have told peasants to shout at herds of wild boar that trample attempt to arrest 3,600 students demonstrating for reunifica-tion with North Korea, a police their cornfields, after farm-ers complained they were But police failed to win the surrender of the students, bebanned from shooting

deged for more than two days The boar, which are protected under wildlife laws, come out of the woods to at Yonsei University in west-ern Seoul, and pulled back from the campus several gnaw young corn. The daily newspaper Azi said they were ruining a key cash crop for poor farmers. hours later. - Reuter.

Parties banned Gambia yesterday banned the three main political parties from taking part in presidential and parliamentary elec-tions to end military rule, two

Farmers told to | S Korea police | year han on all political activity. — Reuter.

Fake doctor A man posing as a doctor. Joey Gatmaitan, has been ar-rested in Manila for charging money to give more than 100 slum children fake anti-dengue fever shots. A vaccine against dengue fever has not been developed. — AP.

New president Leonel Fernández was sworn

in as Dominican Republic president in succession to Joaquin Balaguer. — AP.

Burundi killings

Burundi's ousted Hutu party Frodehn said vesterday that more than 5,000 people have been killed since the Tutsi-led tions to end military rule, two army staged a coup last days after it had lifted a two month. — Reuter.

'Homosexual panic' defence up for review

THE Australian state of New South Wales announced yesterday a legal review of "homosexual panic" defence in murder frials, which argues that homosexual advances are a provocation for murder. It called for the review of

the Homosexual Advance Defence because of its growing usage. The defence has been used in 13 crimi-nal trials in the state since 1993. Of the 12 cases resulting in death, five accused pleaded guilty to murder or nanslaughter.

Juries acquitted two others, found two guilty of murder and three of manslauehter. "Without pre-empting

the debate, I would say that there are compelling grounds for looking at the so-called homosexual panic defence, which can have the effect of imposing prej-udice on the jury," Jeff Shaw, the state's attorney eeneral, said.

A government discussion paper on the issue, released yesterday, said it regarded the number of cases using the defence as "sufficiently high to warrant con-cern". — Reuter.

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Dettori delights with 420-1 Newbury treble

INE weeks after breaking his elbow in the paddock at Newbury after falling from Shawanni, an accident which wrecked his chance of landing a third con-secutive jockeys' champion-ship, Frankie Dettori enjoyed a happy landing on his return to the Berkshire course

A 420-1 treble on Bin Rosie, in the featured Hungerford Stakes, Catechism and Greenstead put Dettori back in the headlines for the right

Earlier in the week he had been the target of stinging criticism from the owner of Cape Pigeon following his riding of that horse in Walter Swinburn's comeback race at

Dettori remarked tongue in cheek: "The things I have to do to keep in the headlines!" John Gosden, trainer of Catechism and Greenstead,

appear fortunate to escape . The Newmarket trainer

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Ripon

Cape Pigeon out for second place at Windsor.

It would be hard to find fault with his riding yester-day, however, and Gosden was fully appreciative of the fact. "A rider of his class is a big miss," he said. "He's an important member of my eam and gives invaluable advice after races. You might ask how Benetton would cope without Schumacher." Dettori reserved his best

effort for Bin Rosie, executing a copybook waiting race to land the Hungerford Stakes. He pounced inside the final furlong and kept his mount going well to defeat Mistle Cat by one and three quarter

"As long as you can hold this horse up for his turn of foot he gives his best and Frankie's done it perfectly." said David Loder, trainer of Bin Rosie.

one or two engagements abroad, but we thought he deserved to have a crack at a good prize in England." been taken out of proportion and I am sure it will all be forgotten now."

Gosden, meanwhile, will move the progressive Greenstead up to ten fireless. forgotten now."

Nevertheless, Dettori did in the Bonusprint Handicap.

censure for failing to ride had earlier hit the target Posidonas (3.00) is vulnera-Cape Pigeon out for second when Catechism secured the ble with a 6lb penalty for his place at Windsor.

Sparsholt Maiden Fillies' Group One win last season. Stakes. This was the first success in Europe as a stallion for St Jovite, the leading middle distance horse of 1992. Gosden, who also won with Sawa-Id at Folkestone yesterday, could be set for a profit-able end to an otherwise dis-

appointing campaign.
He runs Head Over Heels
(2.30) in the St Hugh's Stakes
at Newbury today, and on her
last visit to the track this speedy filly finished third be-hind Miss Stamper in the Weatherbys Super Sprint.
That form has worked out well. Head Over Heels subse-quently won readily at Yar-mouth and she can set up a double for Dettori, who teams up with Sea-Deer (5.05) for Chris Dwyer in the Stratton

Dwyer has done well to coax Sea-Deer back to his hest. He rode the seven-year-old himself at Haydock last Saturday when they finished fast into third spot behind Royal Dome in the competitive Coral Handicap. A repeat of that form should be good enough in this company.
The Tripleprint Geoffrey
Freer Stakes has cut up badly
from its original strong entry.

ble with a 6lb penalty for his Group One win last season, but Paul Cole's game fouryear-old defied the extra bur-den at Newmarket and has since run well in defeat in Germany. He could find the front-run-

ning Key To My Heart diffi-cult to pass, but looks capable of giving the weight away. Tregaron (2.00), who had plenty of use made of him from a poor draw in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood, looks worth another chance in the Andover
Rated Stakes Handicap.
It may be that Reg Akehurst's five-year-old is simply
too high in the weights now,

but it would be no surprise to see him leave his latest running behind if ridden with more restraint. At Ripon, the William Hill Great St Wilfrid Handicap could go to Mick Channon's filly Fantasy Racing (3.45). In foal to the stable's former

top sprinter Piccolo, she ran her best race for a long time at Ayr last week and is now on a good mark. With Pat Haslam's stable

back in form, the lightly-raced Shepherds Dean (2.15) is one to note in the Harro-gate Selling Handicap.

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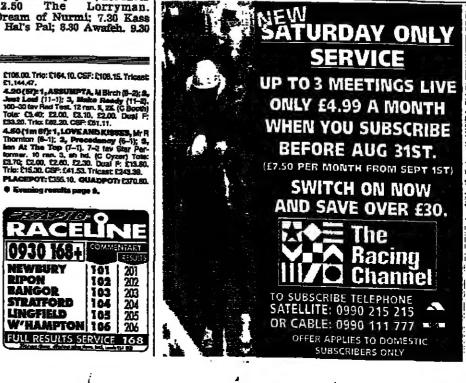
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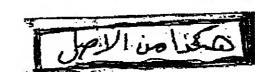
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Rugby League

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The deal comes a day after Henry Paul joined the Cour-age League champions from Wigan on a dual contract. Un-like the New Zealander, however. Tyrer does not intend to remain with his League club. He is seeking free-agent status after six years at Widnes and has signed a four-

"Widnes have given me per-mission to go to Union but want to retain my registra-tion." he said. "I am fighting that decision because 1 am owed contract payments and they told me I did not figure in their future plans."

Tyrer will become Bath's third signing from League, following Richard Webster's more from Safferd.

move from Salford. Saracens yesterday con-firmed that they have signed two Irish internationals, the wing Richard Wallace and the back-row forward Paddy Johns. They join a squad which includes 15-20 full or

part-time professionals.
Scotland completed their preparations for today's international against the Barbar-ians in Dunblane with a full training session yesterday. The game is being staged as a benefit for the community. "I was delighted that so

nany youngsters from Dun-

will be a unique occasion.
"This will be a very poignant day for us all," said Hastings.
"If we can play entertaining rugby and provide an exciting game, then we will have done Dunblane.

chie Dixon, who said his side

tained by the former Scotland full-back Gavin Hastings, who spoke yesterday about what

In Durban South Africa ap-proach today's first Test with New Zeuland plagued by problems. On Thursday it was announced that James Small was to be disciplined for attending a night club into the early hours of the morning less than 48 hours before last Saturday's Tri-Nations finale in Cape Town. The utility back had already been left out further punishment.
The controversy does not

end there. The booker James Dalton, sent off and banned for fighting from last year's World Cup, is recalled while the prop Ob du Randt is retained despite being fined feigning injury in order to be replaced in the Cape Town Test. Du Randt reportedly left the field because he was "fed up" with the way the game was going.

Henry Tromp, who served several months in jail over an assault conviction following the death of a black labourer,

Cycling

Museeuw looks to extend lead

NE of the best fields ever assembled for the Leeds Classic includes Bjarne Riis and his Telekom team. Also competing tomor-row are the world champion Abraham Olano, the World Cup leader Johan Museeuw their previous involvement and the Anglo-Italian Max

pic road race. Even if Japan do find By way of celebration the themselves out of their local council has resurfaced the flerce climb of Holme Moss, though that will be only small comfort for the riders. This is round seven of the 11-race World Cup series.

After the grind of the Tour and the fleeting visit to the Olympic Games the cream of world cycling got back to the business of one-day Classics last weekend in Spain where Telekom, a squad of under-achievers transformed into suming Riis this season, tri-umphed through Udo Bolts, who should find the Leeds course equally to his liking.

Museeuw, not among the

be looking to extend his sien-Yet since 1992 the 145-mile

race, held on a testing circuit around the Derbyshire-York-shire border, has smiled on Italians (and Anglo-Italians) and there is no doubt they are capable of winning with riders such as Gianni Bugno. Michele Bartoli and thrive on hills.

On the British front Chris Boardman, the Olympic road time-trial bronze medallist, makes his first appearance but the biggest cheers are likely to be for Sciandri's Motorola team-mate, the 36 year-old Sean Yates, riding his last major British race in his final year in the top flight. There will be probably be banners galore for Yates, although the organiser Alan Rushton is praying the graffiti artists will leave the Tarmac alone; the bill for the clean-up operation takes a considerable chunk of an al-

ready stretched budget. Although no British teams have enough world ranking points to qualify for an auto-matic place, the Ambrosia Desserts team have been points in San Sebastian, will | given a wild-card entry.

Offiah comes back home with a double mission on his mind

Paul Kelso in Hackney with the man the Broncos hope will sell the game to London

Rover pulled up in an unassuming Hackney street lined by neat Victorian terraces, the cameras were ready to roll. Martin Offich with the street line of the camera were ready to roll. Martin Offich with the scored over 200 tries. tin Offiah, rugby league's best-known name, who signed two weeks ago for the fledgling Super League team London Broncos, was coming home, and the PR people did not want anyone to miss it.

A London Weekend film crew were there to witness his return to the house in which he grew up; four of Offiah's old school chums arrived on cue; and Butch Kemp, the Broncos' reserve-team second-row and "sponsorship liaison officer with special responsibilities for Martin Offiah", kept a

wary eye on proceedings.
The plan was to spend the morning with Offiah, strolling through the back streets while he reminisced on his youth and talked up the new lease of life given him by Barry Maranta, the Australian owner of the Broncos. lian owner of the Broncos.

But somehow it did not quite work out like that. Nina Offiah, Martin's younger sis-ter, who has lived in the fam-ily home while he was away in Widnes and then Wigan, was hospitality itself, providing the press pack with cold drinks. But Offiah looked a little jaded. Some of his smiles for the cameras were weary, his enthusiastic greetings to his friends a little staged, and

trainsing round Hackney. So the film crew had to make do with recording a desultory flip through the family albums, and a kickabout with an old football. "I wish I had a rugby ball out here," said Kemp. "It would look much

His presence guarantees a boost to the gate receipts, though how much he will im-

remains a most point. But as his part-walkabout proved, Offiah is not in Lonproved, Chilan is not in Lon-don primarily to score points. He is the perfect rugby product: sleek, rich and suc-cessful, and back in the Smoke as the focus of the Broncos hard-sell.

hard-sell.

Kemp explains: "For us the problem isn't winning; we've been winning and we've been winning well. The real problem has been getting people in the stadium. Getting Martin down here is a real coup. He's like gold dust; he's the one player Londoners will have player Londoners will have heard of.

"We've got other big signings lined up for next season, but we needed Martin now for the publicity value and we're going to use him like crazy over the next few weeks." Given this attitude, it is little

wonder Offiah looked taded. Kemp says Offiah is impor-tant to the Broncos because London is vital to the success of Rupert Murdoch's Super League. "Maranta was really keen on getting involved in London, but when it came to

signing players from the north they didn't want to come.

"So we went back to Mau-rice Lindsay [the Super League's chief executive] and said: You've got to let us import some Australian players or we don't stand a chance.' He arranged a two-year transfer opportunity for us and we brought in Aussles. He agreed because, without a London This afternoon at Chariton team, Super League is dead in Athletic's Valley stadium, Of the water."

dently need him? You would think not, given his outstand-ing record at the highest level. But the suspicion is that his star has been waning for some time. There have been rumthat he has lost a yard or two
of pace — that most lethal of
his assets — and last year he
suffered an injury that left
Phil Larder, the England
coach, pondering whether to
include him in the World Cup At 29. Offiah has taken up an offer that should secure his future, something he is well

to move," he said, seated among old team photographs in the living room in Hackney. "In three years' time, at the end of my contract with Wigan, I might not have had much left in my legs." What potency those legs have left will be put to the test

all year round over the next three years. Apart from his Super League commitments Offish has a four-year partthat when he says all the right things about "new challenges and new opportunities in London". it is the 15-man game that is at the front of his mind. Had he not left Rosslyn Park for Widnes there is little doubt

he would have been a major union international, perhaps as regular a fixture in the Eng-He now relishes the chance to make up for lost time, so much so that he was willing to forgo a place in the league Lions squad that will tour Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand this winter.

So while Offiah goes in search of an England union cap to go with the 38 he won at league, the PR machine will continue to sell him. And who knows, come the spring, Londoners might finally stop



Glad to be back . . . a smiling Offiah outside the family home

Politics defeat Innes

mer Leeds centre who is having an outstanding season with Manly in News International, backer of Saints meet Warrington. But Australia, is unlikely to play for New Zealand against Great Britain on the forth-

Like the Britons Gary Con-nolly and Jason Robinson, Innes has signed a contract with the Australian Rugby League and accepted "loyalty" payments and is being kept out of the three-Test series. Other Kiwis such as Jarrod McCracken, Gary Freeman, Jason Lowrie and Lave Watson are also likely

None of these losses, however, will hit New Zealand as hard as the absences of the winger Robinson and the cenre Connolly from the Great Britain party. The Wigan

appeal against that ruling is expected next month. In June, Super League

refused to release its contracted players for two sched-uled Tests between Australia and New Zealand. Eight Super League players, including Lau-rie Daley and Andrew Ettingshausen, withdrew from the series, and the ARL was forced. to cancel the games.

Domestically, the first

English Super League cham-pions may be confirmed this weekend. If London Broncos were to beat Wigan at The Valley tonight Sf Helens could secure their first champair, both of undoubted world | pionship for 21 years by de | an ankle injury.

class, were informed on leating Sheffield Eagles at Thursday that they would not Knowsley Road tomorrow. Wigan should be good Super League, which has they will need no reminding been outlawed in Australia that it was the Broncos who until 2000. The outcome of an struck what may prove to be the fatal blow to their title aspirations when the London

> Central Park in June. Wigan may keep faith with the 13 players who started against Leeds last week, and that would mean a place on the bench for the third succes sive match for Shaun

side took a point away from

Edwards. St Helens have the game's leading try-scorer Paul New-love in action from the start, after he was on the bench against Paris. Saints also hope to have Chris Joynt back in the second row, he

Students pay high price

OME of the players in the fourth Student signs of a softening of attitudes, brought about possioners with games at Warrington and Halifax today. have made real sacrifices to get here — none more so than the Japanese, who will be playing in their first tournament, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

Their manager Ken Isaacs, who was once part of the sizeable Australian contingent who played for Halifax in the mid-Eightles, says that some players have had to give up their jobs with no guarantee that they will be re-employed when

they return home.

All the squad, selected after trials in Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka, knew that they were probably giving up their right ever to play rugby union again. They are prepared to pay the

cross-code matches in May. Max Kouno, chairman of the Japan Rugby Union, watched the games, and the scales appear to have fallen from his eyes. At least since more accommodating atti-tude to the idea of players taking part in both union and league.

A clue to the impact Japan might make on this 12-team tournament should be provided at Wilderspool this evening when they play Scotland. England

meet France in the opener. There has always been a feeling, particularly in league circles, that the Jap-anese, with their flerce competitive spirit, muscu-larity, running and handprice, says Isaacs. | ling skills, and a tendency Even in hard-line Japan, to be on the small side,

Sport in brief

This, however, is their being limited to the World Sciandri, last year's winner Sevens in Sydney and the who took bronze in the Olym-Even if Japan do find

depth the tournament is structured to give all the teams as many games as possible. There are bowls and plates to be fought for before the final at The Willows, Salford, on August 31. The first Student World Cup was held in New Zealand in 1986 and was won by the host nation. Only four sides competed then but the tournament has grown steadily since, with Australia top dogs in 1989 in England and in 1992 at home. They could emerge triumphent again from two

Weekend fixtures

absorbing weeks of brain

Athletics

The Olympic 100m champion Donovan Bailey enjoyed a commanding victory over some of the world's best Grand Prix last night. The Canadian clocked 10.03sec, ahead of the American Dennis Mitchell (second) and the Olympic silver medallist mibia. Bruny Surin of Canada was fourth and Trinidad's Ato Boldon fifth.

Cricket

Australia have confirmed they will compete in the four-nation Singer series in Co-lombo but Shane Warne with-drew from the squad after failing to recover from finger surgery.

ice Hockey

The Solihull Blaze owner Neil Ratcliffe is to take the Canadian forward Craig Lyons to court over his refusal to join the Premier Division club, for whom he had signed a con-tract. Lyons is to take up a full-time post with a roller hockey team in Los Angeles. Chess

Chris Ward, 28, from Kent, won the British Championship in Nottingham last night when he drew his final-round game and finished with nine points from 11 games, writes Leonard Barden. Another half-point would have secured him the grandmaster title.
The Cambridge student Jonathan Parker took second place when he beat the holder

cord for the youngest UK mas-

Matthew Sadler, and Luke McShane, 12, lost in his attempt to break Sadler's re-

and brawn.

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Stewart unwilling to keep Russell out 275 6

Mike Selvey on the limited options open to the selectors for the third Test at The Oval

into a pint pot will again confront the England selectors when they meet today to pick their squad for the final Test of the summer which begins at The Oval on

Thursday. England need to win the game to square the series against Pakistan and ideally they would like a full hand of bowling options. But in the absence of an all-rounder capable of bowling Test-quality spells and batting at No. 6 against arguably the most potent attack in the world -Ronnie Irani meets neither criterion and although Mark Ealham, injured in any case can do a job with the ball he is No 7 or 8 at best - something has to give. In this case it will be either Jack Russell, requiring Alec Stewart to keep wicket, or a top-order

Dropping Russell, albeit as a temporary expedient, would not be a popular move within the selectors' ranks, and it could take the last unilateral decision of Raymond Illing-worth's chairmanship to do it. In justification, however, Illingworth could point to the Lord's Test against West Indies last year when, without consultation, he made a last-minute decision to send Steve Rhodes home and told Stewart to keep instead; Stewart performed brilliantly and England won the match.

Yesterday, however, Stewart lent his support to Russell. "In my view," he said, "Jack has done nothing wrong for the last 12 months. I'm his biggest fan." But Stewart, who completed his rehabilitation with a century of the

HE perennial post-Botham problem of trying to fit a quart roles. "I'll do what I'm asked

to do, and if me keeping is the way they want to do it then I will do so. But I've always said I enjoy and prefer batting Whether this would be practical in a dual role is another matter. By nature Stewart is impatient to get to the crease, and the longer he waits the more unsettled he appears to become. Further-

more his Test average drops by almost a third when he keeps wicket. So there is little doubt that he would try to convince Mike Atherton that in the first innings at least he could bat higher in the order. The alternative, should it be decided that four bowlers are insufficient, is for Nick Knight or John Crawley to miss out; though with Knight's excellent hundred balanced by Crawley's obvious literacy in reading Mushtaq's leg-spin this would not

be an easy decision. Should five bowlers play, a



Stewart . . . keeping again?

likely balance would be four seamers and a spinner, al-though two spinners should not be discounted. Recent history has shown

The Oval pitch to be pos-sessed of pace and bounce second only to Perth, but last year a pedestrian track spoilt a fitting climax to the sum-mer. Moreover, heavy rain flooded the pitch last week and, although the grounds-man Paul Brind insists that the anticipated good weather will bring it up to standard, there remains a possibility that it will again prove to be slower than normal. And that will not suit England.

Not one of the seamers at Headingley came out of the first innings with any credit, all of them failing to exploit the early conditions that held the key to their game plan. By the end of the Test, however. Dominic Cork, Andy Caddick and Alan Mullally had all clawed something back. Not so Chris Lewis, who consistently bowled too short. He also suffered a high-

profile failure in Surrey's NatWest semi-final defeat by Essex, where his hideous two for 71, with a plethora of no-balls and wides, was a major factor in the defeat. He will be fortunate to survive now. Favourite to replace him would be Darren Gough, although visits by selectors to watch him bave tended to coincide with him being outbowled by Chris

ilverwood. The chances of Phil Tufnell again being recalled are slim, and the slow-bowling options probably lie between the legspin of Ian Salisbury and the off-spin of Peter Such. But the latter, who might usefully exploit the rough left by Wasim Akram and Müllally, is no favourite of Illingworth the chairman believing him to be a softie. Unfair, but on such irrational prejudices are careers made or broken.

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Board Walker . . . Kent's top scorer at Canterbury passes before the record TOM JENKINS

Kent v Somerset

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Walker in the sun leaves Woolley in the shade

Mike Selvey at Canterbury

HERE is nothing like a good wind-up. At a quar-Trevor Ward clapped his hands and brought a halt to the middle Matthew Walker, who had been batting since the start of the match on Thursday, shook his head and thought unkind thoughts. At lunch his team-mates

had informed him that no Kent player had scored more than 277 on the ground, and now here he was unbeaten on And so it would have been.

himself into the history books. It was 73 years ago that another more willowy lefthander caressed the ball across the St Lawrence Ground purfagainst Middlesex

HE new England order came a shade closer to

fruition yesterday

with the announcement

that Graham Gooch will

coach the England A tour-

ists in Australia this year, writes Mike Selvey. It follows hard on the appoint-

ment of his greatest friend.

to David Lloyd on the senior tour to Zimbabwe

It had been an outstanding,

before holing out at square leg. | the greats is fantastic. But I Now Frank Woolley's record | have never batted so long." That, by his own admission, his legs were starting to ache is no surprise. He is on and mid-season had been or dered on to the county tread mill to work some of it off. He is said to have lost a stone in a month. It is not readily apparent where from.

His innings was, of course, the major contribution to Kent's 617 for seven, their highest total on this ground; though after three wickets had fallen in the first hour Walker and Dean Headley added an unbroken 137 for the eighth wicket, with Headley hitting nine fours in his unbeaten 63. Headley then came out roaring with the new ball. removing Trescothick and Parsons in his opening burst and returning after tea to

cannot be much petrol left

Equestrianism Sublime victory

for Skelton John Kerr at Hickstead

NICK SKELTON and Sub-lime won a seven-horse jump-off for the Silk Cut Derby Trial here yesterday. his first success in the curtain-raiser for the £120,000 spectacular which takes

place tomorrow. Michael Whitaker and his new partner Touch-down had looked likely winners until they were overhauled by more than two seconds for the fastest of five clears. Michel Robert was fractionally behind

in third on Degina. Skelton was also fifth on Cathleen and Whitaker seventh on Gammon, his absent brother John's experienced 18-year-old. Whitaker goes for a fifth Derby win tomorrow while Skelton. whose pair will be tackling the course for the first time. is after his fourth.

monds had produced the most discriminate and attractive batting of the match, but a day too early for Gooth. Smith prised defly through RAHAM GOOCH came to watch; the defences of McGrath and White, passed the 200th firstthough not, despite rumblings of native concern at Nevil Road, to class wicket of his career and soften up Jack Russell psy-chologically for any Test

never have been allowed to build a first innings lead of 163 by some of the more competitive and harder hearted Yorkshire teams we can re-

the Yorkshire bowling pair of the patently promising Silver-wood and the less productive Gough, as well as Vaughan and White, Symonds and down to defeat by an innings, the enforced departure of Bevan for Australia clearly having left them with a glar-Smith.
What the Test selector did not see was Yorkshire remotely at their best. They

wickets to his six first time round, Blakey coped well again. He was on 52 at the end, reaching his half-century as he was bowled by a no-ball from Smith. That was bitter irony for Smith, who had knocked over Blakey's stumps with a no-ball in the first innings.

defiance Hartley belted successive sixes off Davis, who then dismissed him and Silverwood in the same eventful over.

Derbyshire v Notts

Malcolm's season of discontent

For Gooch it was more

lost in two days by 10 wickets.

Would anyone attempt to ex-plain the differences between

this almost rag-tag side, com-pleting their third miserable

that not long ago was proudly heading the table and gener-ating idealistic notions back

Silverwood at least did him-

self no harm with final fig-

ures of 5-78. Gough, though, made little impact with his bowling and then lasted only two balls as a batsman. Sy-

efeat in a row, and the one

Paul Weaver at Derby

T IS Malcolm season once more, that time of year shadows long, when The Oval is being rolled and a Test series is being lost ... and a selector's fancy might turn to Devon.

This time Malcolm is unlikely to get the nod, but he remains optimistic. On Thursday evening he bought drinks for everyone in sight in the Derbyshire pavilion, grinned and said: "The Oval s my ground.'

Malcoim again steamed in with some purpose yesterday, as if he fully expects destiny to tap him on the shoulder once more, but he was let

a slow pitch.
In his second over he had Tim Robinson, on one, badly dropped by Dominic Cork at slip, and later he had Paul Johnson put down by Kevin Dean at third man. He took his first wicket at 4.23pm, When Johnson was caught be-hind, and finished with two for 108 from 19 overs.

Phil DeFreitas took five for 54 and Dean also finished with the superior figures of three for 47. The Groundhog Day image was of Malcolm taking his sky-blue hat from the umnire at the end of an over and disappearing to the outfield with the weary trudge of a motorist who has run out of petrol 20 miles from the nearest service station.

Derbyshire had resumed on 310 for eight and Cork fell three short of his hundred, caught by Johnson at wide mid-off. They finished on 341. Nottinghamshire dined at 58 for two but made 192 in 40 afternoon overs as Johnson and Chris Cairns cut loose. Johnson, whose previous eight innings had yielded 99, hit 14 fours in his 82 which came off 106 balls. Cairns struck two sixes and eight fours in his 75 before getting a top edge off Malcolm.

top edge on Marcoum.

They lost their final five wickets for 36 runs and were all out for 317. Derbyshire were 49 for no wicket at the

then lost his length. Gloucestershire would

reshuffle that would mean the little wicketkeeper from the Cotswolds had been rejected. call. Catches again went down likely to be a routine, dutiful visit: despatched to check on and there was a stand of 54 for the last wicket. The question became whether Yorkshire would go

ing hatting deficiency.
But, as Walsh added three

In a late token gesture of

Tour match TCCB v S Africa A

Brown nudges selectors for one-day place

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David Hopps at Chester-le-Street

ALLY BROWN's champion-ship form has been poor enough to make the most ro-bust England selector blanch. Only two first-class fifties since his eventful Texaco Trophy initiation against India this summer have left his Test ambitions in ruins.

His summoning to the TCCB ranks for the climax to the South African A tour has indicated, however, that his reappearance in the one-day series against Pakistan is not out of the question. His highest first-class score this sea son, 79 from 81 balls, fortified

Brown's blooding at England level included a restive attempt to pinch-hit on seaming pitch at The Oval, a second-ball duck at Headingley and, just as the jury was settling upon a gullty verdict, an invigorating century at Old Trafford which sent them

back into emergency session.
While half the country seemed to be debating Brown's batting technique, he slipped into what he described as "a subconscious desire to bat more carefully Yesterday, happily, he exhilited his old insouciance Three months ago his exit to catch at long-on, as he tried to launch Pringle into the Rive Wear, would have been con demned as reckle it was proof that his spirit

were still intact.
The TCCB's motley crew are well placed to inflict a first defeat on the visitors James Kirtley, Sussex's 21year-old greenhorn seamer, wrecked the top order with three wickets in his first two overs and South Africa closed on 150 for six, a lead of 114.

The story of the TCCB's 338 was much about Jimmy Daley, whose mishaps make Brown's experience sound like a breeze. The Durham batsman has broken three fingers on this square in the past two seasons but when he was last out for 76 all his digits, remarkably, were still intact.

Saqlain spins himself into Test contention with six-wicket haul

SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ, nings haul of seven wickets was followed by two for 48 spin bowler, sent Leicestershire reeling to defeat at Grace Road yesterday. He mance makes him a strong took six for 52 as the candidate for a place in Pacounty were bowled out for 183 to lose by 101 runs. Saglain bowled 25 im-

giving him plenty of assis-tance, and the Leicestershire wicketkeeper Paul Nixon said: "He looks a class act. All the Pakistani boys say he is one of the best young players coming through."

Despite Saglain's efforts. the fast bowler Mohammad Akram won the Man of the Match award. His first-in-

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for match figures of nine for 99, and that perforcandidate for a place in Pa-kistan's side for the third Test against England at The Saglam bowled 25 im-pressive overs on a pitch Thursday. Oval

At Worcester, England are facing a huge task to stave off defeat in the second Under-19 Test, after New Zealand built a firstinnings lead of 153 by making 329 and then saw some irresponsible England batting reduce the home side to 110 for four in their second innings by the

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O T Parkin b Giles

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M T Brimson not out

Extras (57, 169, 160)

64-2-4-1

Impires M J Kitchen and G Sharp.

Total of 2 crows Fall of wickets centr 119, 134, 254, 270, 285 330, 393 323 Borwlings Pringle 30-5-123-4; Gilder 3.4-1-9-0, Smith 16.4-5-58-2 Klussener 24-1-98-3, Boje 7-1-37-0. SATINGS BOID TO TO TO TO THE SOUTH AFRICA A Second lenings GFJ Ledenberg c Rollins b Kirfley TN Pothas b Cowan H H Gobb s Kirfley TD Ackerman c Rollins b Kirfley TB Commins not out DN Crookes c Montgomerie b Law L Klusener c Montgomerie b Law L Riusener c Montgomerie b Law Esmas (2011, with

Second Youth Test Worcester: England U-19 178 (O A Strains, Sewell 6-47) and 110-4 New Zealand

U-19 329 (G J Hopkins 79, M D Bell 56; Minor Countles Championship

Stones Stationoshine 249-4 (P Shaw 94, D Pashley 571 and 284-8 (M Humphries 102no, S Dean 52) Suriok 226-4 (D Ran-dan 911 and 32-3 Station dature (Spis) drew with Suriok (5) Ashloy Gilos, the Wartendeshire left-arm spinner. Captured six wickels for the second time tills week to leave Glamorgan tracing a heavy defeal at Edghasson. Giles who was awarded his county cap after his so for 45 against Durham on Monday, book so is a Superior burnain of spondy. Yes are for CI yesterday as Giamorgan col-lapsed from 159 for two to 214 all out and were made to follow on 254 runs addnt of Warweckshire's first-innings 458. Hugh Norris was duight at second stip as they reached 35 for one at the class.

Starting today TOUR MATCH (11.0. three days)
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OTHER MATCH (11.0. three days)" Lin-Bibgow (Boghali CG) Scotland v Ireland. Tomorrow AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (20 un-AKA EQUITY & LAW LUAGUE (20 unless stated) Derbys Derbyshrov Notinghamshiro, Belstok Gloucesterohire v vorsking Gestorberg Kent v Somersok. Old Trafford: Lampashire v Hampshee, Lord's Middleser v Worcestershire Edginston: Warmchaftire v Glamorgan (1.0). MilMOR COUNTIES CHAMPSON SHIPP New Brightpus Cheshiro v Hampsondono. Dann Parke Derset v Berushire. Trawbridges Witthere v Water.

275. "I thought it was a bit cocky effort, highlighted by harsh." be said later. the way, with 176 carried over from the first day, he belted But Walker, in only his third the first ball of the day to the championship match of the extra-cover boundary.

has gone, beaten by Walker after more than 9% hours' ex-ertion in the sun. Woolley had Several more records are now in the hands of Walker. Kent's first innings. Out in Before lunch, when 216, he be-

came Kent's highest scorer against Somerset. His final tally, made from 439 balls and containing 41 resounding fours, has been beaten in Kent annals only by Bill Ash-down (twice) and Les Ames, both right-handers. He is in exalted company.

"Only when they announced it was a new record as I walked from the field did I realise what I had done," he admitted. "The hundred was great and the two hundred as well. To have passed one of have a long way to go.

Gooch receives England call as A-team coach The A tour will be man-aged by Gooch's co-selector It is also the first step that Gooch has taken towards David Graveney, and the whole thing comes close to extending his cricket carear beyond his playing days. He is 43 and, as he says, there squaring the circle created by the South African rebel

tours of the 80s. Any team in the tank. talk given by Emburey, who went on two rebel tours, or by Gooch, who captained the first, on the His tour of Australia as England captain was austerity itself and he promises to be a hard taskmasmerits of loyalty to the Eng-land cause should be worth ter: tourists can forget about days off, frivolity and fly-pasts in Tiger Moths.

Golf

Dignified Lendl bounds out

listening to.

Michael Britten in Marianske Lazne

and New Zealand.

VAN LENDL made a dignified exit from the Czech Open yesterday, his secondround 76 stamping him a cut above the average celebrity player. The former tennis world No. 1 missed the cut that mattered of course, by 15 strokes, but before heading back to the next US Celebrity Tour event in Boston he promised to play again next

"It took me quite a while to pluck up courage to compete here but I don't regret it at all," he said after starting and ending his second circuit with birdies. In between he again drove out of bounds for a seven at the 3rd, this time with a

safety-first three-iron, to de-

cause he hits everything with a draw. But Ivan has a good short game and his concentration is excellent. A 76 with a triple bogey is good golf." Lendi's gallery has switched its allegiance to another expatriate, who may ultimately replace him as the chief reci pient of Czech sporting affection. Alexander Cejka was born in this Bohemian spa

settling in Munich to become a German citizen. He is now one of Europe's finest technicians, numbering the Volvo Masters among his three wins last year; this season, his first in championship golf, he is the only European Tour player to complete 72 holes in all four majors.

town and spent his formative golf years here before leaving the old socialist regime and

Cejka had four birdies in the space of five inward holes part with a 16-over-par total of | for a 68, and with the 70 quali-158. But his marker, the regu- fiers — led by Peter Mitchell lar Tour professional Andrew (65) and Dean Robertson (68) Collinson, was impressed. "He is a bit one-dimensional he it is still anybody's title.

With £100 million splashed around on close-season refits, the new Premiership season promises to be more open than last time, writes David Lacey

Chase is on for silver if not gold than

castle United, was in exceptionally good form this week. His brisk enthusiasm filled the late-night airwaves during a radio discussion on the state of English football.

According to Sir John the game has never been health-ier. Grounds are about to be filled to bursting point by ec-static crowds. The entertain-BSkyB windfall comes fully ment will be better than ever. on tap, guaranteeing each The money will continue to Premiership club at least pour into club coffers.

pointed out mat the concentration of wealth in the Pre-tration of wealth in the Pre-miership was threatening to least £1 million in prize-money, with the champions were dismissed as moaners and groaners. From where Sir John stands, never a discouraging word is heard and the skies are not cloudy all day.

Of course some sleepy listeners could have been for-

Not that there is anything intrinsically wrong in mar-keting the game aggressively. Certainly for the 1996-97 Premiership programme which begins today the hype has been more strident than ever. And there is even more

One or two dissidents who pointed out that the concenover, the teams finishing in receiving more than double that. Even the bottom club

that has made Alan Shearer the world's most expensive given for not realising that seem modest. Newcastle's given for not realising that seem modest. Newcastle's continual sops to the big Tyneside again have the race Sir John was speaking about shattering of the transfer reclubs and major television to themselves. Those further

success brings are going to be more lucrative than ever.

This season, for example, the runners-up in the Pre-miership will quickly be able to turn silver into gold. As ex-pected, Uefa has decided to ex-pand the Champions' League

receive just over \$2 million in prize money but will also get the chance to earn \$10 million, possibly more, in the Champions' League. Such a prospect would have

The scrap for the runners-up spot could become

It will be surprising, how-ever, if Old Trafford and

task of combining their de-fence of the title with a desire to do better in the Champions' League will be eased by the knowledge that coming

second is no longer a commer-cial turn-off. Yet the scrap for done much to ease Newcas-tle's disappointment last time the runners-up spot could be-when they failed to win the come no less intense than the

no less intense than the struggle for the title 96. The English runners-up championship after leading struggle for the title. could fill one of the extra Manchester United by a A fourth championship for

Manchester United in five years is on the cards, but Liverpool are fancied by many to run them much closer this time, or even take the title if Ferguson's team become bogged down in Europe. Aston Villa may also mount a bugged by the thought that even after winning nine of their first 10 league games last season, and 12 of their first 15, they still failed. A couple of early defeats this time and Kevin Keegan's habitual air of professional optimism could show signs of

strain. Last Sunday's FA Charity Shield may have laid a false trail, but in losing 4-0 to Manchester United Keegan's team revealed familiar defensive flaws as well as failing to produce the passing patterns that have distinguished so many of their performances over the past three seasons. Shearer alone will not be

spent something in the region of £100 million on transfers this summer, and in many cases clubs have bought sim-

NLIKE his team Sir John Hall, the chairman of New castle United, was a sum are some been discussing a new soap castle United, was a sum of the spin-offs that son's runners-up will not only son's runners-up will not on and on the speed with which they settle down will the suc-cess of a number of teams depend. This particularly applies to

the Italians, who are used to more gentle autumns. By the time the clocks go back at the end of October Vialli and Ravanelli may have played 11 league games each for Chel-sea and Middlesbrough plus three Coca-Cola Cup matches. In a similar period in Italy they would expect to play no more than eight in Serie A. At least the overseas signings will not be plagued by men in green. This season Premier League officials are

reverting to a black strip, which will please not only the purists but devotees of that timeless air which questions Premiership clubs have a referee's identity while offering a singular opinion of what he does in his spare time. It never sounded the stronger challenge. Buying ply to strengthen their same in green.

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Dress

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

O THE tan's peeling, the thermals are dust-ed down, and off we go for another nine months of trying to balance six cups of steaming tea on the lid of a Wagon Wheel box.

Well, you do. Journalists have different problems. Like this line in bourgeois pretension from Leicester City. Promotion to the Pre-miership has not only gone to their heads, but journal-ists' necks and legs.

The Foxes, uniquely, have implemented a dress code "for all journalists using our facilities which strictly no denim". Now the notion that a

piece of cloth round your neck, or one weave of cotton trouser instead of another, makes you a better or a more acceptable person says much about those who hold such beliefs.

It is difficult to know what the club have against denim. All the Leicester City press officer Paul Macey keeps replying to the question is: "It is part of the dress code for that area of the ground." What about grey or black jeans? "Without seeing the trousers I can't say." Will journalists be banned? "We would use common sense." Now that will be a first.

ATHOUGHT for this, the season of the wealth gap: "Money is like muck, not good except it be spread" — Francis Bacon, 1561-1626.

CHANT of the pre-sea-son: "Four-one to the Ingerland" — Exeter fans greeting Ruud Gullit in Chelsea's friendly at St James' Park.

BIG MAL is back. Century Radio has reinstated Malcoim Allison as a summariser after showing him the red card last season for using the F-word on air when Newcastie's Les Ferdinand scored the winner against Big Mal's old

club Middlesbrough. Allison had already ered the station bosses with a derogatory comment about Catholics during Middlesbrough's game with promised to clean up my act," says Allison. "If I get frustrated again I'll just have to use hand signals."
According to John Simons, the programme director: "Big Mal said what every fan thought when the goal went in. It was just un-fortunate he had the micro-

CAN'T quite imagine it really: "Oi, assistant referee. You effing blind or what?'

phone at the time."

EATING humble pie. When Steve Jones re-signed for West Ham he told his manager Harry Redknapp: "Am I happy to get out of Bournemouth. This restaurant. Lorenzo's. is after me for leaving with-

out paying."

"Really?" replied Redknapp, a former Bournemouth manager. "I own
that restaurant."

UNNY, the mixed messages society gives out about alcohol. The day after Glasgow banned drinking in the street, Celtic yesterday launched their own beer. No. it is not called Green Stripe.

STAND UP Ram Wallace, the teacher who told the young Alan Shearer he would never make the grade as a footballer. He of-fered the same career advice to a young guitarist who also wanted to turn professional. His name? Mark Knopfler.

ARD to believe, but someone has started a Clive Tyldsley fan club. Look, this column is not condoning it, just reporting the facts.

RANCK LEBOEUF has no problem communi-cating, given all the foreigners at Chelsea. had dinner with Vialli a few times and though we murder the English language we can understand one another. The same goes for Di Matteo." Leboeuf's problem lies elsewhere. "I cannot understand a single word of Dennis Wise, You need a decoder to make sense of what he is saying."

AND finally. Why are the Arsenal board like the

dozen points in late January. Uefa has given Sir John Hall an even better chance of seeplaces if they get through the qualifying matches. will earn over £100,000. Set against the £15 million be unpopular with those who ing a quick return on his feel that the most prestigious

TOP AND BOTTOM: David Lacey predicts this season's finishing order 1 Manchester Utd Manager: Alex Ferguson

Last season: 1st Manchester United are a good bet to win their fourth championship in five seasons. With a tresh batch of foreign signings to add depth to his squad, Cantons available from the start this time. and Beckham, Butt and Scholes maturing fast, Ferguson has the means to retain the title and do rather better in Europe. Strength: The Emperor Eric

2 Liverpool Managera

Roy Evans Last seasom 3rd

Last season Liverpool passed the ball sweetly, but an inclina-tion to rest on their pers cost them points which would have put more pressure on the two front runners. If Thomas and the new arrival Berger can give the midfield more solidity, McMana-man, Fowler and Collymore will be even more effective. Strongth: Paising and

movement Weakness: A tendency to lost

3 Aston Villa

Manager: Brian Little

Last season: 4th Little's transformation of Villa was one of the better achievements of last season. The team locks settled, Yorke is one of the Premiership's outstanding forwards, and if Milosevic takes a higher proportion of his chances Vila should make a significant challenge. Curcic is a particu-

larly good buy. Strength: Yorke's nous Weakness: McGrath's kness



Curcic . . . good buy



Shearer . . . great finisher

4 Newcastle Utd Manager: Kevin Keegan

Last season: 2nd Predicting fourth place for Keegan's team would be heresy on Tyneside but, as the Charity Shield demonstrated, the arrival of Sheerer will not hide the defensive flaws, especially at full-back, which led to Newcastle's failure last time. Too much still depends on home form. Away they remain beatable. Strength: Shearer's finishing Weakness: Generosity at the

5 Everton

Manager: Joe Royle Last someon: 6th Royle is steedily getting things together at Goodison and though looks well belanced. Everton may not be chempions

in the making they could win something this time. Much will depend on Ferguson's fitness, and the teem tends to be workmentike rather than inspiring. But it Speed settles in quickly Everton may do rather well. Strength: Ferguson's class Weakness: Lack of attacking

6 Tottenham Manager: **Gerry Francis**

Last season: 8th best of what he has got, and with an attack including Anderton, Sheringham and Armstrong Spurs are better equipped than field, fortified by Campbell and turther strengthened by Niels should again shield a slightly flabby defence. th: Sheringham's speed of thought Weakness: His lack of pace

7 Arsenal

Manager-in-walting: Arsène Wenger Last season: 5th Uncertainties off the field can

European tournament is

being diminished by these

easily lead to dressing-room un-rest if the team make a bad start. Wright and Bergkemp still need more imaginative support, and Adams's latest knee operation has underlined the impor-tance of Seaman's goalkeeping The French revolution at Highbury will not after this state of

Strength: Wright's goals Wealmess: Pedestrian

8 Blackburn Manager

Ray Harford

Last season: 7th Rovers may have received £15 million for Shearer but money, in the era of Jack Walker, was never a problem. Harford has the unenviable task of finding a formula to make up for the loss of a prolific scorer against a background of disenchanted support. A few early defeats and his position will be a little

ehaky. Strength: Hendry in defence Wasteness: No Shearer

9 Chelsea

Manager: Ruud Gullit Last season: 11th Viaili for Furlong, thoroughbred for journeyman, seems a fair ex-change and elready Leboeuf is looking one of the summer's better imports. A lot is going to depend on Italian attitudes — Di Matteo as much as Vialli — but the new managerial combina-

Strength: Gullit's inspiration Weakness: Shortage of Italian perepiration



Leboeuf . . . solid import



Martyn ... first-class goalkeeper

10 Nottm Forest 12 Leeds United Manager: Frank Clark

Last season: 9th The arrival of Dean Saunders should restore to Clark's attack something of the cutting edge i lost when Collymore departed for Liverpool, Saunders was never a prolific scorer but he works hard off the ball. Forest are due to get a more consist season from Roy, and Woan will be important to the side

Strength: Pace on the break tress: Inconsisturcies

11 Middlesbrough Manager: Bryan Robson

Last season: 12th After a strong start last season Middlesbrough stopped defending, slid rapidly down the table and eventually finished only five points off relegation. With yet another Brazilian, Emerson, supporting Juninho from midfield and Ravanelli up front they are better equipped to take the lead more often but may still struggle to hold on when in front. Strength: Quality in attack Weakness: Defence still

Wanager: **Howard Wilkinson** Last season: 13th

New owners and a fresh injection of money have given Wilkin son greater clout in the market, and he will not stop with Mertyn, Bowyer and Sharpe. The experience of Rush, signed from Liverpool on a free transfer, will be valuable but can hardly balance the loss of McAl-lister. The defence still looks Strength: First-class

goalkeeper Wealknessa Second-class 13 Coventry City

Managera Ron Atkinson Last season: 16th Coventry played some enter-prising football last time but conceded shoals of silly go: and again ended the se ng on their nerves. McAllister's ision in midfield should provide a better platform for Dublin. Whelan and Ndlovu but the

team need to work much harde

when they have lost possession of the ball. Strength: McAllister's vision Weakness Defence's lack of

14 West Ham Utd Harry Redknapp

Last season: 10th West Ham used to think they had made a foreign signing if they bought somebody from north of Watford, Now Upton Park in a vertiable Tower of Babel. At least the latest signings, Futre and Raducioiu, should not be foreign to the West Ham style, and in Hall they have one of England's best young centre-backs. Redknapp appears to have a strong base for an effective country

ing game. Strength: Sound defence Weakness: Communication

15 Wimbledon Manager: Joe Kinnear

Last season : 14th Wimbledon will begin to worry nobody predicts their demise this time. Bucking the odds is their stock-in-trade and last season they again flirted with relegation. But Kinnear's team is better than any of the promoted aides and the amval of Thatcher from Millwall should boister a flagging defence. Scoring should not be a prob-

lem but the goals-against column needs to be improved. Strength: A settled equad Weakness: Lanses of concertration at the back

16 Sunderland Manager: Peter Reid

Last season: promuted Sunderland will surely struggle but they may not do so in vain. Reid had them playing some imaginative football last season, as Manchester United nearly found to their cost in the FA Cup, and they will still have the Roker roar at their backs. So much depends on the team's ability to defend collectively. Confidence, which will stand or fail on early results, will also be IN CYLICIAN MICTOR.

Strength: Reid's management Weakness: Lack of Premiership quality

17 Derby County Manager: Jim Smith

Last season: promoted Doubling the Creatian Intake, with Asanovic joining Stimac, should help Jim Smith's team cope with the widening gap between First Division and Premiership, and provided Derby do not leak points at home they should survive. The worry will be a defence which conceded 51 goals in winning promotion. Strength: Smith's know-how Weakness: Again, lack of proper quality

Booth . . . good in the air 18 Sheffield Wed Managera

David Pleat Last season: 15th If a big name is to go this time it could be Wednesday, who nearly fell through the trapdoor the side around and blending youth with experience. Booth, newly arrived from Hudders-field, is strong in the air. But Wednesday cannot afford to start drifting again. Strength: Pleat's patient

teern-building Weakmass He does not have

19 Southampton Manager: Graeme Souness

Last season: 17th Sources signed up his new charges for some army training and will not hesitate to put Le Tissier on jankers if he feels the player is malingering. Souness's abrasive style of management may be what Southampton need to survive, but money is tight and Hall's strength in defence will be missed. Strength: Le Tissier on a good

wy **Weakness:** Le Tissier on a bad

20 Leicester City Managor: Martin O'Neill

Last season: promoted Leicester decided some time ago that they were a First Div-ision club who would spend the odd season in the Premiership. So they have not mortgaged their future in order to survive and it will be a considerable achievement by O'Neill if they do so this time. Strength: No illusions Weakness: Not good a ess: Not good enough

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Michael Walker on the prospects for the underprivileged

Rocky road to the promised land

ITH a fine disregard for the art of under-statement Alau Bell. the manager of Manchester City, this week declared that after last season's relegation "I am on the cross" for the next few months.

It is a sentiment which most of the other 71 managers will no doubt share at some

stage during the retified Na-tionwide League season, al-though they might express themselves differently. Bell's team have been installed as 100-30 favourites by the bookies, but having sold Niall Quinn and Keith Curle, both experienced battlers, they look bad value at the price. They have retained the best player in the division, though, in Georgi Kinkladze. His appearance at Bolton on Tuesday will serve to

remind Wanderers of the im-mense loss of Sasa Curcic to

Aston Villa on Wednesday. Bolton have also parted with

in the bank.
Birmingham City followers have no such worries with their new manager Trevor Francis spending freely, but

wisely, on a strong spine. From front to back Mike New-ell, Paul Furlong, Barry Horne, Gary Ablett and, most significantly. Steve Bruce represent a solid backbone. Crystal Palace, last season's play-off final losers, have kept the bulk of their squad and brought in the England Under-21 goalkeeper Chris Day for the departed Nigel ever, will do well to repeat fourth place and might keep Oldham. Portsmouth and Southend company at the box Southend company at the hot-

with no replacements bought. | pensed with the Russians Kul- | annual witherers Crewe contheir fans must be concerned | kov and Yuran and gone back | tested a memorable play-off | about the usefulness of money | to Kirkcaldy for Raith's Davie | match in May and that is a Sinclair, Steve Crawford and Jason Dair. Nicholl played with Billy Hamilton and Norman Whiteside at international level so he knows a thing or two about hard men. Millwall fans must have been impressed when he said of Sin-clair: "He's so hard he has tat-

toos on his teeth."
According to Sporting Life, Millwall are the "class act" of a poor division. Graham Taylor, a classless individual, would probably not disagree. Back at Watford, who won four of their last six games in

this level, as does Neil War-Moving up past them next May from the Second Division nock who brought Plymouth up from the Third Division could be two of last season's via the play-offs and who drop-outs, Watford and Mill-could lead the Pilgrims there Alan Stubbs to Celtic and, wall. Jimmy Nicholl has dis- again. Notis County and the dium fully commissioned.

tested a memorable play-off match in May and that is a realistic option again.
York City had the most remarkable result of last year, a 3-6 win at Old Trafford, but

a 3-4 win at the Trainord, but they stayed up only after their delayed victory at relegated Brighton, who may in turn struggle again. The Seagulls may have lost one elegant midfielder in Lism Brady but Jason Peake from Rochdale is

Other centres of elegance should be found at Darlington, Wigan and Leyton Orient. Darlington have recruited from Liverpool, Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday reserves; Wigan, with a rich backer, have kept their three Spaniards; and Orient have signed Alvin

At the other end Torquay and Scarborough will have noted that Stevenage now have their Broadhall Way standard way standard

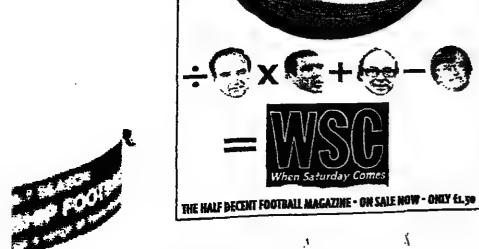
Punishment for Brighton is put on back burner

BRIGHTON were yester-Football Association of fail-ing to control their crowd after trouble flared during the match against York

City on April 27. The Third Division club will have three champion-ship points deducted and be ordered to play one match behind closed doors, but both penalties are sus-pended until the end of the current season. They will be enforced, in full or in part, if there is any serious misconduct involving Brighton supporters at

home or away in the new season.
The FA disciplinary committee met Brighton's chief executive David Bellotti at the Goldstone Ground for three bours before deliberating among themselves for

goalposts were wrecked.



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PREMIERSHIP KICKS OFF AFTER £100 MILLION SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Money men face moment of truth

glish football will into better perspective today when the leagues take over from leg-stretching friendlies. The Premiership alone has paid out about £100 million in

about to learn the wisdom of a mendthrift summer. Nowhere will the anxiety of anticipation be more acute than among Newcastle United supporters at Goodison Park where Alan Shearer, who be-came the world's most expenmoved to Tyneside from Blackburn for 215 million, will trust that last Sunday's 4-0 defeat by Manchester United in the FA Charity

Shield was merely a hiccup.

Middlesbrough's £7 million sliver-haired Fabrizio Ravanelli faces Liverpool at the Riverside Stadium along with Emerson, a £4 million snip from Porto who has joined Juninho and Branco in Tees side's Brazilian colony. Jun-inho, recovered from the knee injury he suffered in the Olympics, is expected to play. Chelsea's new men, the Ital-

ians Gianiuca Vialli and Roberto Di Matteo and the ampton at the Dell tomorrow Dean Saunders, who was with Souness at Galatzsaray, is set to lead Nottingham Forest's attack at Coventry today.

Leeds United, in need of a good start after last season's decline, have Nigel Martyn, the former Crystal Palace goulkeeper, Ian Rush, Lee Bowyer and Lee Sharpe available for the visit to newly promoted Derby County. Rush came from Anfield on a free

son's problems are over. Hav-ing lost Gary McAllister and Gary Speed to Coventry and Everton, he is now without Yeboah, Dorigo and Pember ton because of injuries.

been frenetic but a calf strain is still a calf strain and a Florin Raducioiu, West

Ham's £2.4 million signing from Espanyol, has a calf problem and misses this afternoon's game against manageriess Arsenal at Highbury. Fernando Nelson, Aston Villais requisit from Sparting Lie. la's recruit from Sporting Lis-bon, is a casualty at Hillsbor-ough and Sasa Curcic, for whom Brian Little paid Bol-ton 24 million, has yet to receive a work permit.

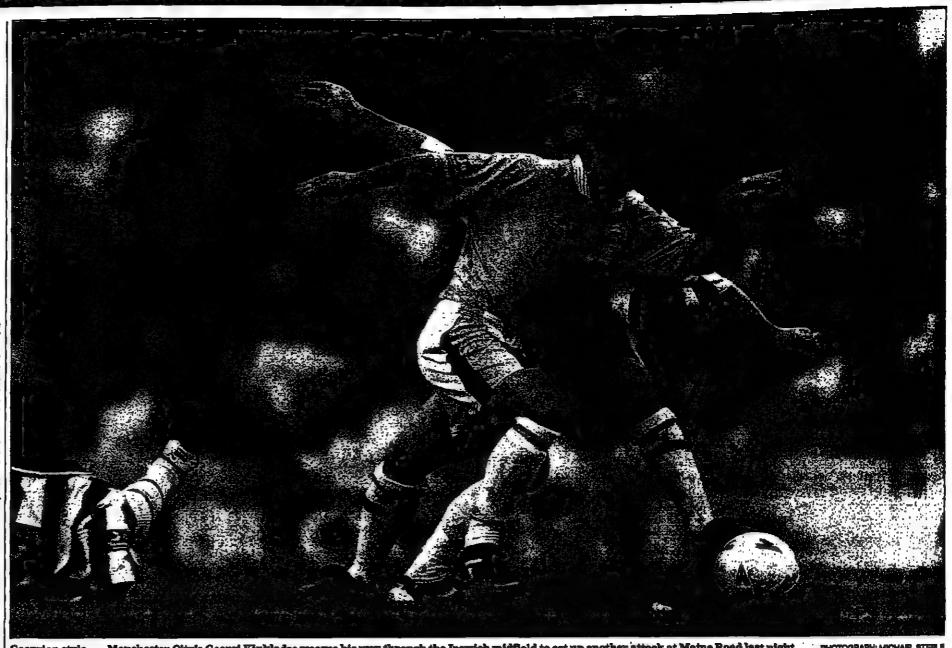
Tottenham await the arrival of Allan Nielsen from Dean Austin at Ewood Park after a knee operation. Kevin Gellacher and Graham Fenton are expected to lead Blackburn's attack

Manchester United, who open their title defence against Wimbledon at Sel-hurst Park, will be at full strength if Ryan Giggs, Roy Keane and Nicky Butt shake off minor niggles. Karel Po-borsky and Jordi Cruyfi may stay on the bench. Roy Evans Berger, his 23.25 million Czech, straight into the Liverpool side at Middlesbrough.

mmediate sighting of Arsenal's two Frenchmen, Patrick Vieira and Remi Garde, against West Ham; and a third, Arsens Wenger, who everybody assumes will succeed the dismissed Bruce Rìoch, is still in Japan.

Nor is there likely to be an

More soccer, page 11



Georgian style . . . Manchester City's Georgi Kinkladze weaves his way through the Ipswich midfield to set up another attack at Maine Road last night

First Division: Manchester City 1, Ipswich Town 0

City take first step on the long road back

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have been a Friday night and it may still be the middle of August but the English foothall season is again in mo tion. Six days after the Scots started their league campaign Manchester City defeated Ipswich Town 1–0 at Maine Road last night and set the renamed Nationwide League off and running.

Steve Lomas got the goal midway through the first half as City did at the first attempt

what took three months last will provide the one night off year: win a game at home. and, when Saturday comes, They did it with 10 men for men may beg to go shopping half an hour in front of a big with their wives. Yet, despite the one night off the creator. Collecting the two Lpswich midfielders trailing to the creator. Collecting the two Lpswich midfielders trailing the ball on the left, Kinkladge half on the left half on the left half on the l crowd, 29,126.

Away from Moss Side. though, the where is not as significant as the when and why. Pootball on a Friday night will become the norm because of Sky TV's deal with

Television, more than ever dictates the season's schedul and the game will be on the screen six days a week from now until May 26, when the play-offs finish. Thursdays

the looming over-exposure. rarely can a season have been so keenly anticipated. Even before it had begun

however, it seemed inswich were determined to stifle suwere determined to some sur-phoria. Having been the Div-ision's top scorers last year, and scoring more away than City managed altogether, Ine-wich named two keepers in whate starting XI their starting XI.

Only young Wright emerged but in the first min-

seemed that Ipswich might need two keepers. They took the inevitable early surge by City, though, and could have gone absed in the 20th minute summer and, while City could gone ahead in the 20th minute had Taricco contrived a bet-

ter finish from Sedgley's com-Two minutes later they were one down and the sea-son had its first goal. Lomas was the scorer and he jumped strongly to head in from two wards. But the credit belonged

a cross too inviting to miss. past the hour when Frontseck Lomas declined a £3 million was exposed by Marshall's transfer to Wimbledon in the pass to Mason, who tumbled

do with the money, Lomas and Kinkladze could be worth their weight in season tickets City's defence is another matter. stretched in the first half by lpswich's two Dutchmen Uh-

lenbeek and Petta, the new

lenge. As Mason was clean through, the referee Helibron sent Frontzeck off. Minischester Ollyn Immel: Br Frontzeck, Symone, Brown, Sun Lomas, Phillips (Hiley, Kavalashvili, Kinkladzo, Roaler, Consistently

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Women's British Open Championship

Klein in her seven-league spikes

David Davies at Weburn

MILEE KLEIN, "feed ing off the momen turn" as she put it had a second-round 66 in the Weetabix Women's British Open here yesterday. It took her two-round total to 134, 12 under par, and meant that, as she had played the last two rounds in the American tournament she won last week in 68, 65, she was 23 under par for her last 72

Yesterday's round gave her a five-shot lead over Alison Nicholas, Karrie Webb and Annika Sorenstam and puts her recent strike rate for birdies at around one every three holes. This, it seems, is around her strike rate when shopping for shoes, a pair every three shops, for she cheerfully confessed yester-day that she had a fetish about them and was "closing on Imelda Marcos". This week, being overseas

the American has restricted herself to travelling with 12 pairs, but her golf remains unaffected. Klein, like Webb and Sorenstam, belongs to the minimalist school of golf. both in physique — 5ft 4in and 8st 9lb — and in her

she takes an age to get to the top of her backswing — John Daly would have hit and been off the front end of the tee by the time she gets there — but finding fairways is no problem at all. So far this sea-son she has hit 738 out of the Klein is another who, like Jenny Lidback who had a 68

on Thursday, has abandoned the long irons and instead carries a seven and nine-wood. "They are just so much easier to hit," she says. The seven-wood goes around 180 yards, the nine around 165 and she prefers them even for those shots out of the rough which traditionally have been said to need the fiercer cutting edge of an iron.
"I don't hit the ball high

enough with a three- or four-iron," she says. "So I hit the woods, which drop down eas-ier on the greens. If I hit the irons I'd have to run the ball on to the greens, which is chancier." Klein birdied all four of the short holes yesterday, one of them, the 175-yard 11th, with the nine-wood, and had four more birdies besides. None of the leaders has an imposing physical presence Klein ... five shots clear

swing which, like the mills of God, grinds enviably alow and exceeding sure.

She takes an age to get to ing that she ought to cross the road only with a lollipop lady on hand. But the others are not fooled. Nicholas said of her: "This is a tough course but she hasn't realised it yet

Laura Davies, disgusted with herself, said shortly



holes lots of putts, which is perfect for round bere, so her lead is no surprise." On being told she was 11 behind Klein she said: "I'd need 10 more rounds and a different course

to make that up."

Davies made the cut, but only just, and launched into some familiar complaints about Woburn. "This course scares me too much," she said. "I'm terrified on every shot. It's no coincidence that I've not had a good British Open here. It's totally my fault, I know that, but I just know I can't play the course. It's been two days of misery as far as I'm concerned."

The event goes walkabout after this year. Next year it will be played at Sunningdale. not a notably more open course, and the year after that at Royal Lytham & St Annes, where at least there are hardly any trees to worry about. It comes back to Woburn in 1999 and then goes to Roval Birkdale

Davies said before the event tarted this week that this was the one tournament she was the one courament see Three British players who have really would wish to have on might have hoped to contend also found themselves with the weekend off: Trish Johnnake a few preliminary visits to Lytham and Birkdale, Lora Fairciough.

"She hits it dead straight and where her biggest asset, her holes lots of putts, which is power, will not also be her

iggest problem. Webb, as belits the season she is having was quietly confident about the chase in store for the next two days. e had to come from be hind to best me in America last week and now I'm in that position and she's got two will want to stay aggressive but that's hard to do with a five-shot lead."

The Australian felt that her 70 might have been better had she tried less hard. "By the time I teed off," she said, "Emilee was 12 under and

that put the pre-tried too bard." But Klein has a formidable chasing group behind her and has pressures of her own. If she is to earn her way into the Solheim Cup team, she needs to win here and also next week; nothing less will do. Some distinguished names were extinguished by the cut. Lotta Neumann, the world No. 3, was five over, as was the world No. 10 Val Skinner. Three British nlayers who

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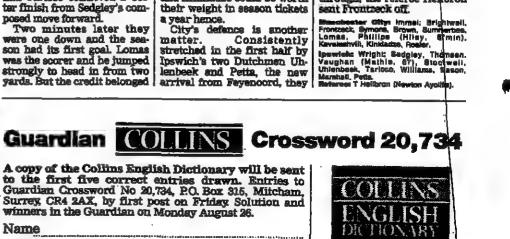
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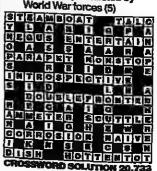
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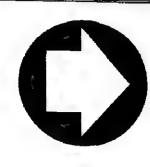
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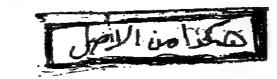




It is now impossible to see royalty as anything more than human. And a sense that they are more than human is the only way of accepting their superhuman status.

Jeremy Hardy

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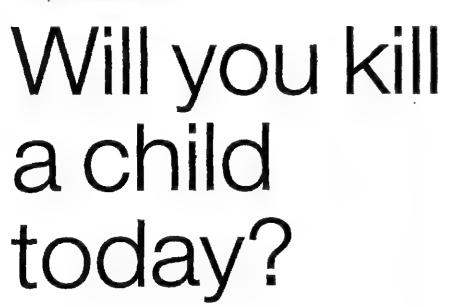
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This is Clare Moorhead. She was three when she was killed by half a ton of metal outside her home, one of 25 million people — 500,000 of them Britons — killed by cars in the last 100 years. The statistics could not be more stark. More have died on the roads than in all of Europe's plagues and more than by genocide, famine or nuclear explosion. Cars kill more people than murders, suicide or disease. One British child in 15 is killed or injured on the roads by their mid-teens — ten people will die today. Yet no other form of death is taken so lightly or thought so acceptable. **JOANNA MOORHEAD** remembers her sister and asks . . .





'Most of the time she spent in bospital she was alone as my parents encouraged to come home and wait rather than be at her beduide. So she spent her last night surrounded by strangers

was down the road, play-ing at my friend Elspeth's house. It wasn't until my sister Anne ran down the drive to tell me the news that I found out. Anne was breathless and could hardly get the words out, but we could tell by her face that something terri-

ble had happened. "it's Clare," she said. "She's been run over. Mummy says you're to come straight home." Clare was three years old, the youngest of our family. Anne was eight, I was nearly

10, and Mark was six. Just a few hours earlier, on a sunny July morning, we'd all been playing together in our back garden. There had been the usual fights and quarrels, the usual noise, the usual fun. Looking back, it was one of those days that seems to sum

DEDN'T hear the bang that | up all that is happy and secure | never know the terror and ended Clare's life because I | about childhood. Except that | loneliness she must have fe for us, childhood was about to end; we would never feel en-tirely safe again.

By the time I arrived at our gate, Clare had already been placed on a stretcher. I think that was the moment when I realised how serious it all was, that sometimes terrible events happened that nobody could

Clare died 20 hours later. Most of the time she spent in hospital she was alone as my parents were encouraged to telephone rather than at her bedside. So my little sister spent her last night sur-rounded by white-coated strangers. Even at a distance of 24 years, the anger still burns when I think of Clare that

loneliness she must have felt. My daughters are four and two, and through them I remember Clare and the little

person she was. Like Rosie and Elinor, the nieces she would never know, Clare was bubbly and bright and pretty and cute She was stubborn, too, and though she was the youngest of the four of us, she was smart enough sometimes to get her own back.

One morning a few weeks before she died, she somehow managed to pack Mark into a suitcase and close the lid. My father heard the ensuing com-motion and opened the lid to release a panicky Mark, who had realised his little sister didn't intend always to be the

victim. But she had no chance night. I hug my little daugh-ters fiercely and pray they will Like most pedestrians who die

I or are injured on the roads, she was simply tossed into the air like a rag doll.

Today sees the 100th anni-versary of the very first of those tragedies, the death of Bridget Driscoll of Croydon, south London.

On August 17 1886, Driscoll, a labourer's wife, aged 44, was on her way to the annual fete of a Catholic temperance society in Crystal Palace. She was crossing a road near the entrance of the palace with her teenage daughter and two friends when three cars giving public demonstration rides rounded a bend. Driscoll was struck by the last car and died quickly from head injuries. Witnesses reported that the driver had been zig-zagging at high speed to show off to his girlfriend, but an inquest returned a verdict of "acciden-

tal death".

Relatives and friends who have lost loved ones in road deaths will reflect on the Uria coll case this afternoon as they hold a silent vigil at the spot at which she died. For the Driscoll case set a precedent that still persists — the most com-monly returned inquest ver-dict for road deaths continues to be "accidental death".

For Joanne Browning, who lost her five-month-old daugh-ter Alice in a car crash two ter Alice in a car crash two
years ago, most road deaths
are nothing of the sort.
"They're labelled accidents as
though nobody was doing anything wrong, but in the vasmajority of cases the driver
was going too fast, or went

through a red light, or ignored a road sign." Alice was in a child safety seat, but it didn't save her. In my family's case, the driver who killed Clare was reading his map book instead of look-ing at the road ahead. If he had been driving just a little more carefully, I would now have a 27-year-old sister.

Joanne Browning is an active member of RoadPeace the national charity for road traffic victims. She believes we've all grown to accept what she calls "road car-nage" as a regrettable but necessary by-product of our reliance on cars. But it doesn't have to be that way. Death due to drinking and

driving has been reduced dra-matically over the past decade, but only one in seven road deaths fits into this category. Most are caused by careless ness, inattention or flouting of

road regulations.
Britain is the only country in Europe where a death can be completely disregarded in deciding whether to charge a motorist. In many cases the victim's name is not even men tioned in court at the ensuing

Expressed as a risk, road death is by far the biggest threat to all our lives. Yet while we rightly worry over guns and drugs, the slow hasmorrhage caused by traffic

"accidents" passes us by: Why do we all take this matter of fact attitude to the loss of so many people on our roads? Why do we all think the onus is on us as padestrians to keep ourselves safe, rather than on us as drivers to ensure we are not dangerous?

Over the past two decades I've thought only occasionally about Clare, pictured the little grave in a Manchester tery that we used to visit but don't any more. But over the past four years, since my own children were born. I've thought about her a lot-

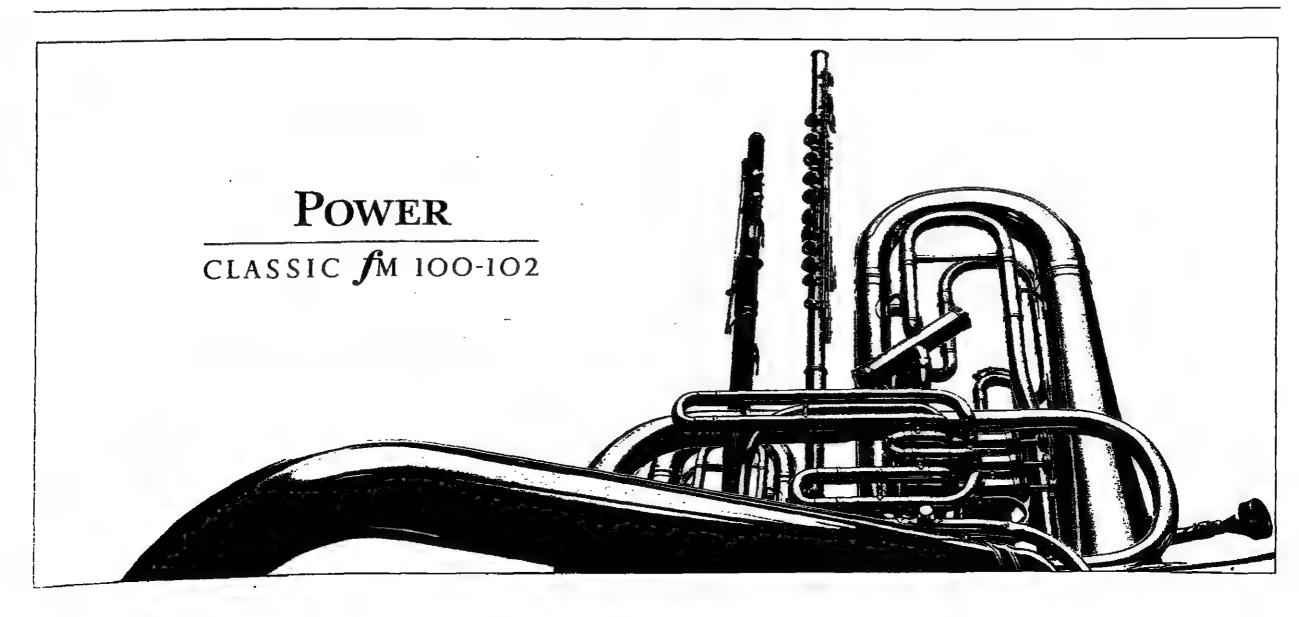
I've mourned her anew partly because I've realised exactly how much we lost when that car hit her and partly as I've feared losing my daughters in the same way.

Once or twice recently I've heard a car screeching past and felt like running out into the street like John Irving's Garp, outraged that anyone could be driving so

recklessly.

If someone in your family ended up under a car's wheels, wouldn't you want to do the same?

RoadPeace can be contacted on 0181-964 1021. Its march begins at Gypsy Hill Station, south London, at 1.45pm today.



Danger of dismal Dole

HE SPEECH is the thing. That was the message, trailed by Bob Dole himself, before he addressed the Republican convention. Never mind the monotonous delivery, it is a text which repays close study. It contains the usual amount of American corn and fond recollection of humble origins. But it is also at times a rather frightening document with ugly sentiments bubbling out of the verbal pot. Whether it is going to win the election for Mr Dole is another matter. But it tells us a lot about which way he and his party will tilt if they do succeed.

It is not idle to attach such impor-

tance to Mr Dole's speech. This was to be the defining moment, a speech designed to convey the "essence" of the man who could - just could - run the world's only remaining superpower by early

The US media gave the speech star billing in advance for a rather different reason. It would be critical in dispersing the widespread image of Mr Dole as a somewhat lacklustre and not particularly likeable character, a Washington insider with an occasional mean streak.

It would also have to dispel the impression of a tedious, routine, self-satisfied. convention which has led US viewers to switch off in their millions.

Mr Dole is the only person who can authoritatively arbitrate between the two alternative - and incompatible versions which the Republican Party has projected of itself in the run-up to the convention and during the actual proceedings. Is it a party which, under pressure from assorted extremists and fundamentalist rivals, has moved aggressively to the right, or is it predominantly a "common sense" party which still appeals to the common American? The second version was sold so over-persuasively during the convention — not a word of Newt Gingrich's "Contract With America" - that in the end it lacked credibility. It was left to Bob to tell us who he, and the Grand Old Party, really

So what is the answer? On the basis of what he said, Mr Dole has tipped the balance - carefully redressed by Colin Powell and other stage-managed moderates during the week - back in a sharper, more strident, more divisive direction. If he won, he told the delegates, he would ensure that the lives of violent criminals were "going to be hell". There would not be a single illegal immigrant. He would pursue terrorism to the ends of the earth (pledging, if his words are read literally, to take unilateral action against Libya). In short, in a carefully prepared if not a very original phrase, "don't mess with us".

There was little in this speech, be-yond the pieties of faith in traditional values, to justify his assertion that he

was "the most optimistic man in America". For the values of the country he now sees before him are, it appears, those of crime, drugs, illegitimacy, abortion, the abdication of duty, and the abandonment of children. It is threatened abroad by the UN and a host of other international bodies, including the World Trade Organisation. It is even threatened, from unspecified quarters, by its "vulnerability to missile attack".

Mr Dole has permitted himself what may prove a dubious luxury of attacking the Clinton "elite" in personal terms as people who "never grew up, never did anything real, never sacrificed, never suffered..." This to an audience of predominantly the white and the well-to-do who are unwilling to sacrifice anything to the majority of less fortunate Americans. Mr Dole also seems unsure of his ground on economic policy. At one moment he presents the "freedom of the market" not in terms of material benefit but as a principle which "keeps the US free". A moment later he decries the Democrats for opposing reduction of taxation as "selfishness", and asserts instead the time-honoured principle that "it's your money".

If the litmus test of Mr Dole's speech comes out, in the end, in deeply conservative colours, this should not really be surprising. The shift of Republicanism rightwards in the 1980s — the "triumph of upper America" - has been consolidated in the 1990s. To succeed again, Bill Clinton feels obliged to steal some of the GOP's own clothing, most recently in his assault upon public welfare. If the spectrum shifts, Mr Dole and his party — not at all unwillingly — have shifted with it.

Who spooks the spooks?

O NOW we have it, from the mouth of OLord Hunt, the former Cabinet secretary, the official responsible among other things for the proper conduct of the security and intelligence agencies. "There is absolutely no doubt at all," he told Channel 4's Secret History documentary on Harold Wilson, "that a few, a very few, malcontents in MI5, people who shouldn't have been there in the first place - a lot of them like Peter Wright who were right-wing, malicious, had serious personal grudges — were giving vent to these and spreading damaging malicious stories about some members of that Labour government."
The secret world of security and in-

telligence agencies is fertile ground for intrigue. It breeds paranoia, encourages obsessions. Even so, the significance of Lord Hunt's admission should not be underestimated. Elements in MI5, whose job is supposed to include countering subversion, were attempting to subvert a democratically-elected government. Yet just two years ago, Stella Rimington, who recently retired as MI5's Director General, dismissed allegations made against the agency as "completely un-true conspiracy theories". "No such plot (to undermine Wilson) existed," she insisted. In 1993, MI5 produced a glossy brochure in which it said that "a vigorous internal inquiry failed to produce any evidence to substantiate" claims that a group of agents was plotting to

undermine the Wilson government. It is true that an internal inquiry was set up in 1977 by Hunt and Wilson's successor, Jim Callaghan. But it was deliberately limited to a specific allegation that Wilson had been the target of electronic surveillance. To turn Mrs Rimington's assertions on their head, there is no evidence to substantiate her claim that MI5 was cleared. Other governments faced with similar serious allegations of improper conduct by their security and intelligence agencies — in the United States, Australia and Canada, for example - have all set up independent judicial or congressional inquiries. Successive British governments have preferred discreet internal soundings, in Whitehall's time-honoured fashion, and have got away with it. Asked two years ago whether the

new Intelligence and Security committee of parliamentarians would be allowed to investigate the Wilson allegations, Douglas Hurd, the former home and foreign secretary, replied loftily: "The past is an other country." It cannot be dismissed so easily. We now know that in 1974 an aide to Edward Heath, then leader of the Conservative Party, visited Chapman Pincher, the veteran spy writer, encouraging him to publish damaging, wholly inaccurate, material about Wilson. The aide was William Waldegrave, now chief secretary to the Treasury. The tempta-tion for ministers and Whitehall secret agents to indulge in dirty tricks remains. Meanwhile, all we have to rely on are assurances that the culture of MI5 has changed and on MPs being more effective in scrutinising the darker recesses of government.

MARTIN WOOLLACOTT believes the war in Chechenia is the last chance for Russia to learn that the new honesty about conflict can offer a nation freedom from past mistakes and colonial adventures

Farewell to armies of the empires

T WAS A situation in which a powerful army "showed itself unable to conquer an adversary who was practically unequipped and whose troops had rudimentary training. Impossi-ble as this may appear, it is nevertheless a harsh reality that we must confront." So wrote a French colonel after the

withdrawai from Indochina in

the fifties. Chechenia is not Vietnam, yet the scene described blows airned at empty space and a do-nothing existence in isolated outposts, until the tilegal fighters one day concentrated their forces to win in a single onslaught" — could cor-tainly have been used to describe the former country this month. It is a bad, sad fight in which the destiny of a small

people is at stake. But the significance of the Chechenia war lies, equally, in the opportunity it represents for Russia and the Russian Army to join in the transition a humbler appreciation of the uses of force which nearly all other big modern armies China perhaps apart, have al-

ready made.
The armies of the West, in particular, were re-made in Indochina, Algeria, and in smaller conflicts in the Middle East, south-east Asia, Ireland, Cyprus, where they learned hard lessons about what can and cannot be done in war and about the frequent irrelevance of superior firepower and other technical means. The armed forces of India later took a similar course in the limits of the possible in places like Sri Lanka, and continue to do so in Kashmir and the north-east. The Israeli army, too. recoiled from the consequences of its ebanon adventure, and from the tasks of occupation in Gaza and the West Bank. In Latin America, armies have retreated, bruised and rueful. from the political responsibilities they had widely seized a generation ago.

The general story is the same

simost everywhere. Whether or not armed forces could effectively carry out the primary role of national defence, narrowly defined, has not usually seen tested. But their claims to be able to hold territories whose inhabitants are reluctant citizens or subjects are frayed. So are their claims to be able to mount successful interfrontiers, even where, as in peacekeeping, there is an al-most universal wish that they ventions work, many do not, And, in those countries who the army had imagined itself the guardian of the nation. with some high, spiritually defined responsibility to ensure that the country stayed on the "right" path, the experience of political meddling has done nuch to erode that tradition.

This retreat from military overconfidence, ambition, and mysticism may, in the west, have gone too far, so that politicians and generals shirk tasks which are possible and which should be undertaken, Bosnia peing the prime example. But Russia, a generation behind the West in these matters, the wisdom of limits has not yet been fully learned. The armed forces had, in Soviet days, an ruling interests, a generous



share of national resources privileged connections with the worlds of industry and advanced science. They sat idly, in eastern Europe, in Russia itself, on territory that the Red Army had won in war and they compelled the West to make enormous and expensive military efforts. Now all this is in question.

not only because of the present disarray in Chechenia, but because the revealed inadequacies of the armed forces cast doubt on the whole tradition. past as well as future. One dole ful military correspondent for a Russian paper wrote after the early reverses in Grozny: "Our forces not only would not have made it to the English Channe they would have been defeated before they even reached the

General Alexander Lebed Yeltsin's new security ministe and the man charged with finding a Chechenia solution, is an enigma. Is he the leader who

can take the Russian armed forces on that journey to wis-dom extracting them, in the first instance from tasks of sup Caucasus? Or is he a man whose impulses to reform are directed only to fashioning a more formidable instrument o power, so that a revived Russian army can continue to try to exercise the imperial, inter-ventionist and spuriously national tasks that most other armies have wisely laid aside. Acept where a peace-keeping mission is both generally agreed, and practicable? Since the Chechen war began 20 months ago, two

strands of criticism have intertary incompetence and that of ssian political foolishness. Yet these are very distinct ar-guments. Those who quote the great 18th century Russian gen eral Suvorov in their attacks waged not with numbers but

with wits" — leave open the question of whether the war in Chechenia would be winnable with better commanders, better troops, and a better strategy. Those who say that, even if Chechenia*can* be beld, it is not worth doing so, are making a very different point. Lebed said during the election campaign that Chechens should be allowed to choose in a referen dum between staying in or leaving the Russian federation. But he coupled this with threats of cutting off all aid and co-operation thereafter, which suggests he might hope the Chechens might be frightened into choosing the federation or could be undermined afterwards if they did not do so. In any case his position is not go ernment policy, so far. Lebed presumably now fol-

lows the man he chose as deience minister. General Leor Rodionov, in wanting a greatly reduced, more efficient army of 12 divisions. This is, not coinci-

lentally, about the same size as the American army, against which the Russians regularly neasure themselves. That is no small ambition, and could also prove beyond Russia's capac-ities. But there is a modernise tion of the mind that is more important than any upgrading of weapons, training, or tactics When de Gaulle took his Algeian decision he told a restive and partly mutinous officer corps: "The army serves no clan, no faction, and no interest. The Army serves France, and that is all." In retrospect the French army's withdrawal from Algeria, which ended its mperial role and closed an era was an essential precondition for the emergence of the sucsful and dynamic France of the last 30 years. Chechenia is symbolic of the imperial temp-tation which must be put aside if Russia is to experience a similar renewal. It remains to be

New Labour, old Queen



MPROBABLE though it may seem, the late Lord George-Brown used to have a weekly slot on Capital Radio in the seventies. He was by then considered a mayerick, for no other reason than that he appeared to be pissed a lot

Anyway, I remember a night when the subject for discus-sion was the monarchy. And I heard George say quite clearly — not very clearly — "What's so unsocialist about a monarchy?" It is worth reminding cians have always had some funny ideas about what social ism means. For example, Tony Blair was not the first to aligh upon the notion that it means

unrestricted capitalism. So we should not be surprised that Labour's fraught internal debate earlier this week concerned the best way of saving the monarchy. The idea of not saving it wasn't

even up for discussion. It is also worth turning our as a society in our everyday perception of royalty, since the days when George Brown was an embryo shock-jock on fledgling commercial radio. wenty years ago, republicanism ranked somewhere be tween bestiality and syphilis as a thing to own up to in pub-lic. You couldn't help wonder-ing why Willie Hamilton

didn't just keep his mouth shut. Even if you believed, as all sensible people do, that the royal family are worthless parasites who should meet the erme fate on their Russian cousins, you didn't go around saying it. In 1977, The Sex Pistols' God Save the Queen caused genuine outrage. Today it seems hard to under stand why it wasn't our Eur-ovision entry that year.

Just as things like the end of Soviet communism or a black man running South Africa seemed like impossible dreams, the idea of widesprea disaffection with the monarchy was impossible to imag-ine. Two decades ago, no one even suspected that the Queen's children may have been conceived by any other means than the will of God, let alone that they could turn out as they have. But as the cen-tury draws to a close, if some-one released a video of a porn film Elizabeth made before she was famous, no one would bat an avoid

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So why does the Labour lead-ership panic when the Fabian Society publishes a proposal to reform the monarchy? The do-ument, entitled Long To Reign Over Us?, does not call for its immediate abolition. It sug-gests periodic referendums on its future, a wage cut and the removal of some of its more medieval political trappings. The author, a prospective par lismentary candidate, is a reformist, pitching his argument at those who say: "I've got nothing against her— it's the hangers on I can't stand."

He is, therefore, probably in the stand in the same of the same

tune with mainstream opin ion. Most people would probably rather see the monarchy reformed than scrapped altogether. But I doubt whether many would mind that much it it was scrapped. They might think it a shame. They might think the Queen is quite sweet the one to tell her it's all over. But they would have forgotten all about her after a couple of weeks, or after the novelty of letting rip on all the chat shows had wern off for her

It is now impossible to see royalty as anything more than are more than human is the only way of accepting their superhuman status. Even if you have a secular monarchist view, seeing them as mortals who are, by accident of birth, lumbered with the role of personifying hierarchy and privilege, they've let you down rather badly. If the embodiments of the class system are visibly tacky, the idea that some people are just entitled to lord it over others is in

And yet, New Labour, in an apparent effort to avoid embarrassment, visits upon us the humiliating spectacle of Frank Dobson reassuring the nation that his holidaying leader is a staunch royalist and that there would be no changes at all Then Doug Henderson weighed in to qualify Labour's belief in divine right, saying the Queen berself recognised the need for change. Labour and she would enter into an ongoing dialogue about adapting her role to the exciting new challenges of the next century.

So, modernised New Queen will be a reformed character and not face abolition. That's still a pretty good deal for someone who's only qualification is being a descendant of a successful warlord.

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N ALL the excitements ticket. one significant factor has been overlooked Never before in modern American politics have two successive contests for the

presidency each involved four candidates, three of whom were monosyllables; or to put it another way, two running mates both of whom were monosyllables. Until Bush and Quayle v

succeeded by Dole and Kemp v Clinton and Gore the only precedent seemed to be the election of 1852. Then, in the only straight fight on record between monosyllables, the Demo crat Franklin Pierce beat the Whig Winfield Scott. with the Free Soil candidate John Hale (four monosyllables there. I note) an irrelevant third. Pierce named a man called King as his

Even before Smallweed's researches, it was clear that this year's presidentials would establish a precedent. No left-handed presi-dent has ever succeeded in winning a second term.

which sounds bad for lefthander Clinton. But since 1888, when the rules of the game were very different, no incumbent president who has captured his party's nomination unchallenged has lost on election day. That sounds good for Clinton.

It is also a general rule that the taller of the two presidential contenders beats the shorter (Ford versus Carter was one known exception). But that doesn't help very much this time. since Clinton and Dole are both 6 ft 2.

N BRITAIN. meanwhile, the direction of Tory politics seems to have been taken over by people called Michael. The war against New Labour is at present being conducted, we're told, by Michael Heseltine. Michael Howard, Michael Portillo, and Stephen

("Micky") Dorrell. Political analysts have been surpris-ingly slow to note the Michaelisation of the Tories' top echelons. Add in (as one must) Michael Forsyth, and this breed acrounts for four out of 23 Cabinet seats, or 17 per cent. Astonishingly, this equals Mike Major's quota of Old Etonians.

NAIRMAN Maowhinney, I see, has been ag-itating again about left-wing domination of Thought For The Day. the spot of religious uplift which the BBC continues to inject into the Today proramme. This is the kind of nit-picking criticism which Tory politicians so often disparage when they find it in other contexts. To do it ustice, however. Central Office has compiled a specimen list of the kind of Thoughts For The Day it

would like to see in the interest of balance, a copy of which has come into Smallweed's hands. Here is an excerpt: Monday: The spiritual tran-

scendence of the Burger House, by (loose) Canon Michael Portillo. Tuesday: Why Lefties should be cleared out of the C of E. by the Rev Barbara Amiel. Wednesday: Why even those Lefties whom Barbara Amiel would spare should be extirpated, by Bishop

Thursday: God as Republican activist the implications for the Conservative Party. The Very Venerable and Right Worshinful whinney talks with Father Pat Buchanan.

Friday: The parable of the loaves and fishes: a paradigm of supply-side bottlenecks in contemporary soci ety, by the Rector of

Wokingham, the Quite Exceptionally Reverend Michael Redwood. Saturday: Sport.

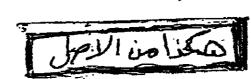
seen what kind of military moderniser General Lebed is.

HE new editor of the Sunday Express, Suc Douglas, was quoted in Monday's Media pages as saying that the paper she inherited had "the credibil-ity of a flea". This seems excessively laudatory. As an owner of dogs and cats, Smallweed can testify that the credibility of fleas is ex-tremely high, and anyone who doubts that conclusion is likely to end up bitten. The average flea has a far better record in achieving what it sets out to do than the Sunday Express under her predecessor, a man with primitive views called Hitchen. Had he increased his newspaper's circulation as fleas routinely multiply theirs, he might still be in his editorial chair today.

Smallweed is right behind Chambers's dictionary in regarding the interdiction of split infinitives as a clumsy and purposeless rule which is better ignored. What I cannot accept, however, is their spineless acquiescence in the practice of making 'Infer" and imply"mean the same thing. Chambers should contemplate the unhappy fate of refute, which has come to have two contradic tory meanings: to dispute. and to disprove. If I write: chairman Michael Maowhinney yesterday refuted the slurs cast upon the Conervative Party by Trotsky ite clerics on Thought For The Day, does it mean he has proved them wrong, or merely said they are wrong?

Nowadays we cannot be sure. Next week: the potentially dire consequences of being "disinterested" in the future of the word "disinterested". CORRESPONDENT

A asks me to lend my weight to his campaign for mobile phone railway carriages, to which people who use these machines would be exiled, much as smokers used to be. I do so gladiy: first because I'd enjoy the spectacle of hearing them yacking away in competition with fellow fanatics, and secondly be-cause, as with smoking, it might end with their antisocial practice being banished entirely from rollingstock. Quite the worst news of the week was that a driver taken to court for inflicting his music on people in Eastbourne as he drove through their town has had his fine paid by the magazine Max Power. I cancelled my subscription to that post-haste, I can tell you.



Josh advises a multinational company on what's cool. He is nearly at the end of his working life. Josh is 13

IAN KATZ on the kids on the make as researchers and product developers for the billion-dollar American youth market

ness. He has been working with a bicycle manufacturer and a confectionary company. He is in the early stages of developing a magnet-driven "hover-bike" and is doing some thinking about spray-on tattoos. Hur-ley will have to scale back his product development work later this month; in two weeks the summer holidays will be over and he will be back at

school. He's 11. The suburban Chicagoan is one of many American children topping up their allow-ances by advising major corporations on what products will appeal to their peers. "I just give them really cool ideas that kids would like and stuff that I draw up, like in-ventions and stuff," explains Hurley, who regularly attends brainstorming sessions orga-nised by Doyle Research Associates, a Chicago-based market research firm.

With American children aged 12-19 spending more than \$100 billion a year, companies are trying harder than ever to find out what kids want — so that they can then sell it to them, in some areas, school buses are bedecked with ads for hamburger chains and fizzy drinks, while a special cable TV channel pipes adverts for kid-related products straight into 12,000 of the country's 110,000 schools. Puter Zollo, president of

Teenage Research Unlimited. says big companies are soliciting the opinions of their young target customers more assiduously and taking them more seriously. "Some compa nies with big kid products had never talked to kids. That is changing."

Zollo's company maintains panels of teenagers ready to give their opinions on different products. For jeans, its researchers look for kids who follow fashion and, more im-portantly, are followed by their peers. "We'll go to a bunch of kids and say, 'Who's the coolest kid you know?"

A number of American companies have effectively cut out the middlemen of market earch firms and recruited their own "consultants". The computer software giant Microsoft runs a programmé called Kid's Council, through which it taps the opinions of a panel of local schoolchildren. The kids meet weekly at the company's "campus" outside Seattle to suggest ideas for new products and discuss the way they use computers and .

get Microsoft goodles and an invitation to an annual party. "We basically, like, advised Microsoft about what kind of things to do," says Andrew Cooledge, aged 11, one of the company's consultants. Cooledge suggested the company make more games that appeal to both boys and girls — "they re basically violent games for boys or cutesy little

advised Microsoft to emulate some shareware programme software cheaply distributed via the internet.

For his ideas, and for appearing in a Microsoft promo-tional film, he got "this really cool backpack", some free computer software and \$250. As part of the programme, he signed a contract relinquishing any royalties to products developed from his ideas. "I think it's a little unfair if we give them the idea for this pro gramme that makes them billions of dollars."

Most companies still tap the

opinion of young consume through market research firms which specialise in sup olying articulate and creative kids for product-testing or brainstorming sessions. Doyle Research Associates for instance, provides a service called "kideation" in which, as senior researcher Tom McGee puts it, children are used as the springboard to get people looking at things from a kid's perspective". The children get between \$30 and 75 for attending each two-

At first, Matt Faden, 12, found the "imaginarium" where Dovle conducts its sessions "kind of cheesy". The room was filled with banners searing different words and nulti-coloured chairs. He and the other children were encouraged to play games to get them into "a creative mood" and were then given large



eds on which they were told to write down anything they thought, however off the wall. Faden wasn't overwhelmed y his fellow brainstormers. The kind of kids they bring in there are creative but they're like the kind of kids you don't really want to be around. We had to talk about what our hobbies were and one of these kids said his was

watching TV while eating hot,

buttery popcorn."
But he has continued to participate in the sessions, at-tracted by the \$30-40 pay-cheque for each. Recently he has been specialising in cereals, an area in which he

already has considerable expertise. He has come up with ideas for cookies and cream cereal, a chocolate and peanut butter variation and "one that you don't know the flavour of

until you bite into it." In general, he says, companies show a poor understanding of what appeals to chil-dren. "They just find out what TV cartoon shows are doing well and slap the name of the show on the box, but kids just want something that tastes good, they really don't care if It says Garfield on It like they did when they were five." Unlike Faden, Hurley says

he would offer his consulting

services even if he were not value of the month" dispaid for it. He's always had cussed at the family's monthly oads of ideas, he says, and it's Hurley says his friends envy his lucrative sideline but fun to tell people about them.

"They wanted me to draw a diagram of a bike and it had all these cool things on it and it was really funky and they really liked me. His mother says Hurley first began spouting ideas at the age of four when he would advise her on ways to "consolidate" her housework. By five, he was scribbling drawings in his Thinking Journal. Each of the Thinking Journal and a Feel-ings Journal, in which they jot down reactions to the

people will read about in text books 100 years from now and say. 'That was an amazing change'." The smooth-talking 13-year-

ranna make a change that

old may already have done a lot to change the way the world looks — or at least dresses. For the past three years, he has worked as a con-sultant to Levi Strauss, regularly passing the jeans com-pany intelligence on "what's in and what's out and what kind of things kids want". The oldest son of a New

York psychiatrist and an artist, Koplewicz always seemed to be a few months ahead of the next trend. A few years ago he started wearing Stuci surf wear to school "because I could see it was getting popu-lar with the older kids." Within a few months some of the "more stylish kids" in his class were wearing Stuci; by the next autumn term everyone was wearing it. By then, of course, Koplewicz, aged 10. had moved on. "For some reason I just have a taste of what's in or out. I have no particular theory of why, I guess it's just in my blood. I'm a very good anticipator." Levi Strauss harnessed his keen sense of style three years ago after he was invited to one of the company's focus groups by a friend who worked in market research. Koplewicz was interviewed by a Levi's executive who asked him 100 questions ranging from "the smallest details about brand

He has come up with a cookies and cream cereal and one you don't know the flavour of until you bite into it

labels or where a button or pocket is to what kind of sports are cool to play." The company was sufficiently impressed with his answers to hire him to carry out a number of research assignments

every year. Typically, he says, the firm would send him a notebook, a disposable camera and tape recorder and he would be told to comb the city photographing and interviewing kids he considered to be cool. He was also told to write imaginary letters to "a kid in Russia about what kinds of style are in and what are out and what kinds of things kids do and what they don't."

After each assignment, a Levi's executive would visit his family's Manhattan appartment to review his notebooks and listen to his interviews. Then they would rifle through his wardrobe, grilling him on why he chose particular garments and quizzing him on when and where he would

It was hard work but it paid handsomely. For around 20 hours' work, Koplewicz would typically collect between \$100 and \$120, around 10 times his weekly allowance. The job came with little security. When someone from the com-pany called with an assignment, Koplewicz says, they usually warned that if he did not return their call within 24 hours he would be fired.

"They were pretty blunt." When the company asked him to recommend two stylish kids three years younger than could see the writing on the wall, "I haven't been officially fired or downgraded or whatever, but they haven't really given me a call in a while. I think I'm too old."

Writer/director Guy Jenkin made his career lampooning politicians on Spitting Image and Drop The Dead Donkey, but recent events put the Tories beyond satire. In his latest drama it's the turn of New Labour to feel the lash of his scabrous wit, he tells PETER LENNON

The man who shot Bambi

WAT preparation do you need for making a satire on New Labour? A study of Crom-well is helpful, according to writer-director Guy Jenkin, who is currently making Crossing The Floor, a BBC television drama about respun New Labour.

Jenkin studied Cromwell at Cambridge. "His diaries tell how he had these im-mense battles with his conscience — with God almost about what decisions he should make next. Yet he always came back to the politi-

cal, pragmatic decision and decided that was what God wanted." We were on the set of Crossing The Floor. The plot-line encapsulates the Toryisation of the Labour Party: a Tory home secretary, about to be shafted by his party, crosses the floor of the House and is worked over by New Labour spin

The image of Pecksniffian Michael Howard being mas-suged by Mandelson is enough to bring a happy glow of anticipation. The

connection is inescapable since David Hanratty, the fictional home secretary, is played by Tom Wilkinson, who played Pecksniff in BBC's adaptation of Martin Chuzzlewit and also starred in Jenkin's A Very Open Prison, a tale of penal Satire programmes have

been routinely peppered with Blair jokes and stand-up comedians mechanically do their lame duty by sani-tised Labour, but this is the first full-length play to set its sights on the party. Why did it take so long for Blair to become a target? Partly because the Tories offer more tempting material. A logistical reason is that it normally takes two years from concept to trans-mission for a full-length

Jankin, co-producer and co-writer of Drop The Dead Donkey, is well aware that he will be accused of damaging Labour. "But people have been writing stories about the Tories for 17 years with noticeably little effect," he said. "I think if you



Action man . . . Jenkin, right, on the set of Crossing The Floor

want to change the world you would not be a writeryou go into politics." He could think of only one case in which satire unques-tionably had effect, and that was the Spitting Image pup-pet of David Steel in the pet of David Steel in the pocket of David Owen. Jenkin, who was one of that programme's original writers, revealed that this came about by accident. They only had a little puppet of Steel co. had a little puppet of Steel so at first they simply held him closer to the camera, But then they got fed up and dumped him in Owen's pocket. The effect was devas-

entropy of the state of the sta

He gives Hanratty a doctrinal homily written long before Clare Short rumiating, and some say permanently damaging, for the leader of the Liberal Party. nated aloud on split person On the set, David Hanality. "If we choose to be po-

ratty the former home secretary, is responding to tuition from a spin doctor. "Oh you the wonder boy, and perma-nently walk around with a rictus-like grin on my face as if I've got a pineapple stuffed up my arse?" The yuppie acolytes freeze as their Leader (Nell Pearson from Drop The Dead Don-key) is observed coming out of the shadows. A line in the script introduces him: "The young, charismatic, hand-some and only very slightly demented Tom Peel." the threadbare remnants of

liticans we have a duty to suppress many of our incli-nations in order to transform ourselves into the perfect candidate, whatever stress or strain, or tension or bizarre hallucinogenic visions it causes in our private lives." The story goes from gracelessness to treachery, at which point Jenkin intro-duces that "additional element" which he hopes carries comedy to a higher level: the scheming and dodging collapses in tragedy — a death in the family tests

Hanratty's decency. Although Jenkin's training was in satire shows — he started his career in Radio

4's Week Ending and Went

on to Spitting Image — he resists the description "satire" because, he says: "You get an awful lot of baggage that goes with that word. I suppose I think that satire is often an excuse for things which they have the former has which should be funny but are not. I would call my films political comedies."

His antecedents are less Alan Plater than Preston Sturges. His Lord Of Misrule (in which a bilious, dying Lord Chancellor offers his scabrous memoirs to the Sun, shown earlier this year) had the Sturges characteristic of a situation going from mild unravelling

Jenkin, 41, lanky, courteous, with an expresson which veers between the thoughtful academic and the apologetic bound dog, has been a considerable name in scriptwriting for years and has won many awards. It was only last year when he started directing that his name began to be known outside the industry. Now his career is rocketing. He has done a film adaptation of Chekov's The Wood Demon, soon to be filmed in Costa Rica, and written a gangst movie about the Russian mafia, After Midnight, which will be in production

He got into direction by default, but very much by inclination. After a long de lay, the script for A Very Open Prison was given the go-ahead, but only if shoot-ing began within 10 days. Jenkin suggested that since they could hardly find a desuch short notice, he might as well do it — and one of the most promising directorial careers for some time was launched. "I now feel," he says. "that doing the script

writing the first draft of a novel and leaving someone else to write the second Was Jenkin gratified by Clare Short's outburst (which happened while be was editing Crossing The Floor)? "It is not very encouraging in real life," he says, "but it's encouraging that the changes in politics that have taken place since wrote five months ago have made the story more plausible. Interestingly, Short was talking about not only the gyrations they have to go through but how it seems to have affected Tony Blair. Certainly, if you have to think about your image every hour of

he tries not to boast about it at

school, though he did appear once on a daytime chat show

discussing his unusual job.

"They really liked me." He is saving his earnings "for col-

lege" and says he is going to be a doctor, "and also an inventor and an artist. That's my main

Joshua Koplawicz nurses

rather more modest ambi-

tions. "I wanna make a big

and not directing is like

difference in the world," he

explains matter-of-factly. "T

every day to make sure you don't make a slip, have to be preened by different people, to be told you must not wear this tie, it is al-most most like being a secret agent living a double "I think this probably

does damage people's lives. We are at the stage of the perfectly gullible ruled by the completely fucked." Jenkin admits he gets depressed now about the state of politics. "What does it take to make someone esign these days?" he said. 'Sodomising the Queen Mother, perhaps?"

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Cyprus left to bleed alone

YPRUS is not divided because Turkish cypriots and Greek Cypri ots could not live ceably together (Deadly Games on the Green Line, August 13). It is divided because "shadowy" British and US planners decided that the establishment of a sovereign unitary state would run counter to long-term Western strategic interests in the region and because Athens and Ankara were allowed to pursue their own nationalistic objectives in the island. Decolonisation came

through the foreign imposition of a flawed constitution which promoted the idea of communal separation and which was highly vulnerable to both in-ternal and external subversion. The UN presence has pre-served (through the Green Line) an inequitable division of the island and thereby safeguarded foreign strategic inerests to the detriment of those of the Cypriots. .

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ORTHERN Cyprus is run by a militaristic government that continues to defy UN reso lutions and is a willing host to international criminals, including Nasil Adir who is currently enjoying a celebrity life-style on the island.

Contrary to public opinion Greek Cypriots throughout the world (including the British Greek Cypriot community. es timated to be in excess of half a million) feel great affection towards Turkish Cypriots, for the communities were once

grieved by the continuing settlement of mainland Turks encouraged by the Turkish government who now greatly outnumber the true Turkish Cypriots of the island. The stones that are being hurled by Greek Cypriots were not as reported being thrown against the other side but rather thrown in frustration against the international community for their complacency. C A Antoniou. Unit 4, Rainstar Industrial

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OR 22 years, the Turkish army has been ille-gally ensconced in northern Cyprus. Un-less Turkey's role in Cyprus is treated more starnly, espe-cially by its ally the US, nothing will make it shift from its intransigent position.

Despina Christodoulou.
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AM astonished at the apparently passive recep-tion of recent events in Cyprus by the Government

and Opposition. When Turkish crowds are permitted to beat a Greek Cypriot citizen to death in full view of the world's media and another is shot dead one would have expected officials at least to question the pretence of the Turkish government to be im-proving its record on human

rights. I have seen no comments from the Foreign Office upon the fitness of this nation to be admitted to the EU or any con demnation of the Turkish state's response to legitimate Tina Petrou.

22 Highbury Grove. side by side. They feel ag-London N5 2DQ.

Gunning for prosecutions OWN neither a hand-gun nor la Firearms Certificate, so any legislation of the nature of the hand-gun ban proposed by Mr Mullin will not affect me (Gun lobby on the run. August 14). Writing as a lawyer, however, I am alarmed that Chris Mullin either does not know, or chooses to ignore as not fit-ting his thesis, the fact that airguns are legally firearms. They are subject to the same restrictions as any other firearm with the sole exception that owners of low powered models are not required to

hold a Firearms Certificate. As a victim of airgun crime myself, what I would like to see is not another law for these yobs to flout with impunity but prosecutions, Making all airguns subject to a Firearms Certificate will just create a vast pool of illegally held airguns that can only be used for crime and vandalism. I think it would be better by far to use the money that would otherwise be spent on creating a vast bureaucracy to prosecute airgun crime as a priority. This is likely to do

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perceived "Gun Culture" than any ban. Alan Fairhurst,. 26 Church Lane, Prestwich.

Manchester M25 1AJ. ARS are killing more people worldwide than guns, legally held or otherwis even including several wars. Nuclear weapons, so far, have totalled less than one year of car-kill. To ban or even restrict cars is unthinkable. We're banning handguns, airguns too, we may even ban tobacco. Tell me, where is the really effective and sinister lobby these days? Matthew Spencer. Rosemundy Cottage, 26 Shefford Road, Bedfordshire SC17 5RC.

SUGGEST that all those adults who need hand-guns as toys be compensated by re-introducing the pea-shooter. Gordon Rudlin. Beech Glade, Stonesfield,

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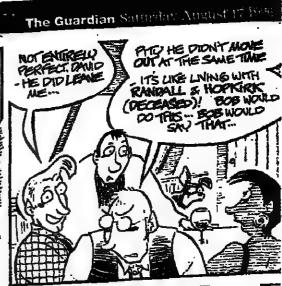
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HAVE yet to see the naw "demonized" Tony Blair poster but if the "two eyes be-hind a curtain" advertisement is anything to go by, the visual message will be both confused and confusing. The viewer is reminded immediately of the "reds under the bed" scaretactics of the 1950s US admin istration. I am surprised that Conservative Central Office wishes to be associated with the McCarthy witch-trials. But looking closer: the use of theatre curtain being drawn back to reveal two eyes im-plies the start of a public performance to be enjoyed by the viewer. Does Central Office think of government solely in terms of public entertainment for the voters as a passive audience? What is revealed are wo red eyes which I can only think represent members of the Shadow Cabinet jetting across the Atlantic, to talk meaningfully with the great and the good in North

(Dr) Patricia Baker. 2 Usbourne Mews, London SW8.

UNNY thing. I had actually beleieved that the "New Labour, New Danger" poster showed the frightened eyes of a Tory MP looking out form the darkness where he was tot ting up his assets. But then I was never very good at semiotics. E Townley.

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Freedom now

✓OUR report (Nigeria opens I door to Commonwealth, August 15) that the Commonwealth may not insist that any mission to Nigeria be entitled to meet with General Olusegun Obasanjo and presiden-tial candidate Abiola is a

cause of great concern.
I cannot speak of Chief
Abiola, but understand that
General Obasanjo, chair of our Advisory Council, has been held in appalling condi-tions and denied adequate water with which to wash. This is an outrageous way in which to treat one of Africa's leading statesmen, let alone one whose diplomatic skills are in such dire need in Burundi. The Commonwealth has already damaged its credi bility by withholding action on the sanctions it had previ-ously threatened, and for it to allow General Obasanjo and Chief Abiola to be used as bargaining chips in a crude round of political gamesmanship would surely be unthinkable. Merely asking to see these imprisoned democrats is grossly insufficient. Each is entitled to his freedom immediately. Peter Eigen. Chairman, Trans

International (TI) Berlin,

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Lodging doubts

Review Commission to be astute, and to have extraordinary ability to absorb and appreciate the signifi-cance of detail.

DAVID

WE'VE BEEN LIVING WITH NAOW'S THEORYS

If Sir Frederick Crawford (Justice commission chief is elite mason, August 15) can join the Royal Arch, and rise to the office of Junior Grand Warden without, according to Freemasons spokesman, having necessarily read or ap-preciated a key membership yow, how will be cope with the minutize of complicated criminal appeals? Gary Slapper (Dr). Stationdshire University,

eek Road Stoke on Trent ST4 2DF.

AM not a member of Royal Arch so cannot comment on your extract from the alleged "Ritual vow" of that Degree.

However, from my knowledge of another (lower) Degree with similar wording, I suspect that the writers of the article have taken words out of context. In the other Degree we are instructed "not to palliate or aggravate the offences of your Brethren, but in the decision of every trespass . . . judg with candour, admonish with friendship and reprehend with mercy." I would be sur-prised if the "vow" in the

higher Degree contradich that of the lower one. In any event, not only is here nothing in Free which is incompatible with our civil, moral or religious duties, but we are expected to be exemplary citizens and dis-charge our civil duties in priority to our obligations to the craft. Our conduct should be such that "when a man is said to be a Freemason the world may know that he is one... whose hand is guided by Jus-

tice..." I would say that if Sir Frederick upholds these princples then he is an excel-lent choice as Chairman of the Joyce M Arram. 1 Summerlee Gardens, East Finchley, London N2 9QN.

SO an old age pensioner with no legal training or experience, whose main claim to time is to have been a willing executioner of the Thatcher government's swingeing cuts to the university system and who continued downsizing Aston University during a period of

university expansion, is deemed to be the "best man for the job" as Chairman of the Criminal Cases Roview Commission? Michael Townson. Druncondra.

Elite taste of A level success

OUR society is obsessed with success and failure, we most when our Atlanta athletes "fail" and condemn when our youth succeed. In a market-driven education system, it is a prerequisite to have winners and losers. As a teacher, I welcome the day when we don't need to have failures, as this will be ald a more egalitarian society, not the clitist one where it is seen as morally reprehensible that more than a few should taste

Jason Todd 17 Rymer Street, Herne Hill, London SE24 ONQ. △TLAST a resounding en-

dorsement of the Government's education policies — 15 years of increasing A level passes. One wonders how they are going to show the results of their treatment of the NHS in a similarly generous light — mass resurrections of our dead? Miraculous remissions of all terminal diseasen? E Crook 34 Polwarth Crescent

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UCKY all those A level stu-dents who've passed with top grades. For those, like my son, who took the Internations Baccalaurest, there is no ques tion of standards dropping they are maintained by European-wide consensus. Unfortoately, Britain's universities still seem to view the IB with suspicion. Despite having to take six subjects rather than three, which provide a much broader education, and exams which demand, in some cases, higher standards than A level, colleges are asking for marks

above those demanded of A level students. When will Brit-ain realise that its sacred A levels are not the gold standard? Brunhild de la Motte.

11 Dorset Road, London W5 4HY. As A student and an aca-demic, I have been involved in higher education for over 26 years, both at home and abroad. I have concluded that it is mainly the narrow focus of the A level system which has caused English sinderis to fall behind their European com-petitors. It results in science graduates who have difficulty in writing even the simplest of

letters, and arts graduates who need pocket calculators for the easiest of computations. I would therefore sarnestly implore policy-makers to consider the introduction of a more general secondary stud-ies certificate, along the lines of the Franch Baccalaureat or the German Abitur. These would not only provide our graduates with a wider portio-lio of knowledge, but also fa-cilitate the exchange of stu-dents with other countries—a worthwhile objective in itself. Broomhurst Hall, 836 Wilmslow Road

HE gender gap in education is more marked than has been reported. Of the five successful A level students photo-August 16, 100 per cent were female Anne Stott 24, Clarence Place,

Kent DA121LD.

Dose of Diana | Muddying BSE

O the High Court has en-joined a papparazzo to go no nearer than 300m to a harassed Princess. Can harassed and Irritated members of the public take out an injunction to prevent the Princess coming within a mile of a photographet? B Thorpe. 90 Brown Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK83RA.

DR Harash Narang (A cow and bull story, G2, August 15) has done more than anyone to muddy the issues about BSB. in Russia in the 1940s, Trofim Lysenko, a "barefoot scientist". similarly postulated fanciful theories about the genetics of wheat and potatoes which led to destroyed crops and the exile of geneticists to the gulag. Robert Dournashkin (Dr). 40 Lucerne Road, London N5 172.

Ripe result

Y lovely daughter is a twin whose sibling was miscarried during wee seven of pregnancy, and my wife has a non-identical twin sister as well as an older sister. When we were consider-ing a second child it seemed to me that we stood a good chance of repeating the family plan by successfully having twins at the second attempt; a blessing I wanted to avoid for various strongly held reasons (not least of which was a sincere concern to minimise our family's burden on the

environment). I made several enquiries to find out what techniques or procedures existed which might have been both feasible and morally acceptable to us, but was cold-shouldered by everyone I asked, including our GP who advised us to save it all up to God".

Perseverance was eventu-ally rewarded when a sympa-thetic practitioner at King's College hospital invented a simple, cheap, non-traumatic and non-controversial procedure which had a 96 per chance of preventing non-identical twins. This couldn't have been simpler, my wife's overy was scanned immediitely prior to ovulation, enabling the doctor to deter-mine that only a single ovum was ripening. All we had to do was what comes naturally, and our son was born nine

This happened two years ago, and as far as I am aware no one else has used this procedure simply because it has not been publicised. Recent events have proved that our requirement was not unique and I am certain that many prospective fathers - and some mothers — would prefer to do what we did rather than "leave it all up to God". This "treatment" costs as little as £70 and should be just as much a part of family planning as contraception and fer tility treatment.

My wife and I would behappy to pass on the relevant details to any prospective parent who considers themselves to be in a similar Quentin Halfyard. Righ Street, Hemei Hempstead,

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Lessons on how to become a member of the big wide world

/OUR report (Teachera reject moral classes. August 14) states that personal and social education lessons now taught in schools are "widely despised by pupils". If this somewhat negative

view is the case, it is a shame and a waste that's valuable slot in a crowded curriculum is not being used more effectively. Meanwhile, pupils are leaving school with little knowledge or understanding of how the in-stitutions of a democratic society work, where they belong in it, and how they can contribute.

The Citizenship Foundation produces course materials and organises activities such as mock trials and parliamentary sessions which can help prepare students for life postchool. From our wide contact with schools, we know that many use these in PSE seasions; but until there is dedicated time in the curriculum for a programme of citizenship education, its delivery will be

haphazard.
Jan Newton.
Citizenship Foundation,
Weddel House,
13 West Smithfield, London ECLA 9HY.

EACHERS' leaders should think again before dismiss ing proposals for pupils to do ommunity service. There is strong evidence that young people gain enormous benefit from voluntary action in the community, growing in comidence, understanding and social skills.

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Community service is an out-dated concept with under-tones of "do-gooding" but vol-untary action based on local needs and problems identified by young people and then de-signed and delivered by them can be a powerful practical reinforcement of classroom

Schools have a broader role than preparing young people for higher education or the workplace. Only through direct experience in the community will young people learn the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Terry Cane.

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ROM our partnerships with over 3,500 schools and coleges nationwide, we see how community service learning. as a part of the existing curriculum, both raises educational achievement and increases social cohesion. In English lessons, students produce talking newspapers for the blind, in Environmental Studies, they organise recycling schemes and History lessons are enriched by talking with local elders, discussing issues such as living through two world wars. Elisabeth Boodless. Executive Director.CSV. 237 Pentonville Road, London Ni 9NJ.

Getting the Big Mac they deserve T'S very difficult to feel any sympathy for the members of of local opposition. There is also a whiff of snobbery about the whole thing: no doubt

Michael Portillo's constituency party who are opposing McDonald's building a drivethru restaurant. As Conservatives they should realise that the free-market economy is concerned with the interests of business first and people second. They have actively supported a party which has awarded countiess scandalous planning applications across the country, often in the teeth

these people regard burgers as something terribly working class. They deserve their drivethru restaurant it should act as a permanent reminder that they have promoted a party that endorses the cheapening of our society. David James, l Linch farm, Wytham, Oxford OX28QP

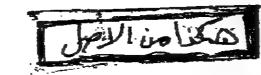
A Country Diary ******************* LONGDENDALE: Going up

from the narrow lane at Arn-field, dead-end for motors. gateway to better things for pedestrians, we crossed the dry heather-banks overlook ing sultry Ogden Clough and turned across towards the blue glint of the Swineshaw calling as we came to the watershed and approached the brown col of Pack Saddle. Up here on the breezy summit of Hollingworthall Moor there were no flies; only the welcome north-western prospect across Greater Manchester to the blue profile of Win-

Next month sees the centenary of the Winter Hill Trespass when Colonel Richard Ainsworth decided to stop access to the 1,498 feet sum-mit. Bolton folk were outraged and 25,000 of them marched to the top on three separate weekends. Despite all the huff-ing and puffing, public access wasn't ever fully achieved but these days anyone can go there without hindrance. Back the other way, on the eastern flank of our moor, we

****************** could see, not far below, the trees and buildings marking the site of ancient Hollingworth Hall. Built on the site of an important Norman hunting lodge of the Peverils in 1640 this grand stone mansion looked straight up Longdendale to the tabletops of Black Mill and Bleaklow. Up to his death in 1865 it was the home of reclusive Robert de Hollingworth; purchased for £3,100 in 1943 the house was needlessly demolished by Manchester Corporation Waterworks "to safeguard the purity of water" (the usual pathetic excuse for corporate vandalism)

Before leaving our moortop perch, summer haunt of the piping curlew under cu-mulus cloud-islets, we looked back once more to Winter Hill, remembering that a weekend of celebrations is planned (September 6th-8th) to mark that centenary trespass — there'll be a mass walk to the summit and a plaque will be unveiled at Smithill Hall - Colonel Ainsworth's former home! ROGER REDFERN





Rowers Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent were our only true champions in Atlanta — Redgrave's fourth successive triumph. So why are they so miserable?

Bronzed off with the golden boys



UPPOSE for a been sent to internalist on a rival newspaper who had just published a collection of interviews so insightful and amusing that it had earned him or her several million pounds, and a permanent place at the top of the hestseller

It would not necessarily be the most auspicious of meetings and the reader might be right to feel suspicious if we didn't get on. I am prepared to admit I would probably arrive already grey with envy, take copious acerbic notes on how tastelessly they had spent their dosh, while at the same time trying to squeeze out the uniest morsel of advice on how I might replicate their success. It's rare, but sometimes there is an inherent conflict

terviewee. There was, however, no conflict where Brit-ain's Olympic rowers and sole gold medalists, Steven Red-grave and Matthew Pinsent, were concerned. I have never harboured secret longings to be an Olympic rower and, as I watched them throttle the Aus

tralians into second place, I was shouting wild encourage ment at my television set. Yes, yes, said their agent, they'd be happy to chat and liked being interviewed together. Steven was just back from his holiday in Florida and feeling rested after their triumph. I dismissed the tab-loid reports, which claimed on Tuesday that Redgrave was annoyed John Major hadn't sent him a congratulatory fax.

I was going to meet two sport-ing giants and I was really looking forward to it. By the time our 40-minute meeting was over, I have never been so glad to leave an inter-

view in my life. Hello, says Steven Redgrave looking at his watch. He will look at his watch more than 18 times in the next 40 minutes. pretty much every time I ask him a question and certainly every time his partner, Mat-thew Pinsent, bothers to answer one. Never mind, I don't know this yet, and am still enthusiastic as we sit in the lobby of the Langham Hil-ton waiting for Matthew, who is on his way. As we wait, RedHe shrugs, apparently

bored. Oh well, I think to my self, he's entitled to be blase, he must have done this hundreds of times and he does have three more at home. He seem dour, umpleasant even, and I wonder if it's because no one seems to recognise him. But then we are surrounded by foreign tourists . . . Next, he remarks he hasn't eaten lunch because he's no longer in training and anyway he's not hungry. So I put the underlying surliness down to low

blood sugar. Besides, I hadn't expected to meet Mr Cheerful. After the final, I remember being non-plussed by his terse announce ment: "I've had enough. If anyone sees me near a boat will they please shoot me?" Considering he had just entered Olympic history as only the fourth man to win four cons utive gold medals, it seemed unnecessarily graceless. But

bly exhausted. I remember too that even the BBC's voraciously persuasive Dan Topolaki struggled in their gold-medal interview. Oh well, at least 25-year-old Mat-thew, the younger of the two, cheered as they hit the finishing line and I discard my doubts as he arrives and we go downstairs to take photos.

Understandably, few people

grave shows me the medal and | like having their photo taken and it is quite common for interviewees to protest. Redgrave and Pinsent do not pro-test, but they begin to radiate a

sort of non-specific hostility. Neither of them say anything for the entire 10 minutes. Instead, they maintain a sullen, dour silence which infects the room. I can almost see Redgrave's mood deteriorating in front of me. It seems no coinci-dence that the hotel's PR manager suddenly bursts in and

l'explain we are photograph ing Britain's Olympic winning oarsmen. Nobody tells me any thing, she grumbles, tossing a cursory "congratulations" over her shoulder on the way out. Can you get a bit closer together, the photographer asks gently? The two men

We troop upstairs to Matthew's suite and arrange ourseives in the sofa bit. "Did you see Sharron Davies

fast now." says Pinsent, 6ft 5ins and grazing the

doorframe.
"Yeah, but only because she got booted off Gladiators," retorts Redgrave sourly. So, I begin brightly, as Pin-sent promptly disappears into the bedroom. Where does your extraordinary motivation

"R comes from within," says

Redgrave, in a voice so flat I fear he may be deflating on the spot. "You set yourself targets. We had an ability and found a sport we were good at. We wanted to take it as high as we could. The highest thing is the

Olympic Games."
Would you agree, I ask Pin-sent, as he saunters back in, wrestling with the zip on his suit bag. "Yeah, sure," he shrugs, though I am not con-vinced he beard Redgrave's Barcelona to win Atlanta."

What is it about rowing that Pinsent (Folding a pair o

blue chinos.) "There must be an end result.' Redgrave: "We hate the raining, the grind, the day in. day our. It's the goal."

But if you hate it, and the goal comes round only once every four years, is it worth spending your life on it? Pinsent (Grimly) "It's a

reat achievement. Redgrave: (Dully.) "Yes it's worth the sacrifice, I've won it fourtimes You think Wall what else could I be doing? What do they think about

when they're rowing?" Redgrave: "Your mind tends to drift on to all sorts of things. One of the skills of being a top sportsmen is the powers of concentration, we can concentrate much longer than other people. It's the quality of training."

Do they talk to each other
when they train?

Redgrave: (Glancing at watch.) "When we're doing What sort of things do they talk about or say? Pinsent: "Like Shit, this is hard'."

I know what he means. We are getting nowhere. I have no rapport with either of them. but more importantly they appear to have no rapport with each other. I suspect they have

spent too long rowing up and down the river, staring at the back of each other's head. Hav-ing finished packing his over-

night bag, Pinsent is now plun

supply of Hilton Humbugs. I try again. Now that Redgrave is throwing in the oars, how do hey both feel about the end of such a successful ermership?

Pinsent: (Noisily crunching humbug.) "It was good while it lasted. You can't be sad about

Do they socialise together? Redgrave: "Yeah." Pinsent: "Well we will do

What do you like about each grave who is looking at his atch. What do you like about

Matthew? Redgrave: (Bored.) "He's good fun."

Matthew. I continue, ignoring the fact that he is ignoring me, what do you like about Steve (who is glancing at his watch again)? Pinsent "The fact he thinks

along the same lines as me."

Pinsent has tired of the free humbugs and is now flicking through a copy of The Hilton Guest. I resist my desire to snatch it from his hand and demand. like a teacher, that he pay attention. Instead, I ask him how, rowing full-time since Barcelona, they have coped financially? He explains that a series of sponsorship deals means they have a salary of around £25,000 each a year, which seems awfully low when compared to other world-class athletes. Linford Christie,

Alan Shearer . . . Do they think this disparity unfair? Redgrave folds his arms and stares crossly: "We enjoy doing what we're doing and being successful. I wouldn't have

changed anything." Do they have any advice for younger rowers hoping to fol-low in their wake? Pinsent: "Not really." Who are their sporting

Pinsent "Anyone who in

some ways dedicates themselves to sport."
Redgrave: "And uses the talent they've got."

had a deliberate policy of

openness. Membership is not secret. Our rules and

aims and relationships have

been in the public domain

for generations. Many Ma-sonic centres have open

days and are used by their

Do they have anyone spe-

Redgrave: "Not really; I can't think of anyone." They are similarly untilu-

minating when it comes to the issue of British sport. We

traipse through familiar terri

tory, none of it worth repeating. I try less familiar terri-tory, hobbies, sacrifica,

failure, none of that worth repeating either. I am desper-

ate to leave but I would like to

know what the monosyllabic

What sort of media work?

Redgrave: "Appearances.

Are you any good at it, I

Redgrave: "I've been doing it

years. I'd be surprised if more

work would he like to do in an

He looks blankly. Across the

room, Pinsent has chucked the

nagazine and is busy blowing magazine and is busy browing loudly through the holes in his room key. I glance back to Redgrave who, amazingly, is apparently struggling to say

mand incredulously?

ouite well for the last eight

loesn't come along." Well, what sort of media

ideal world?

Rederave plans to do next?

media work coming in."

Redgrave: (Slowly) "I have to decide what to do for the . . . Pinsent: (Interrupting)...

For the rest of your life."
Redgrave: "It's something I don't want to rush into. Rowing's been my life for the last 20

Is that why he was so grumpy at the end of the race? Redgrave: "We told everyone from Barcelona that the 27th of July was when we were going to win in Atlanta. We'd told all these people we'd win. There wasn't the elation of thinking you might get silver and walk ine away with the

pected to do it." I have to get out. There's no doubting their achievement but I can bear their palapable

unhappiness no longer.
'Interrogation over,' I smile bleakly, as I make for the door. In the lift Pinsent suddenly reaches down into my bag, and unasked, grabs some loose cuttings I have photocopied as part of my research. The head-line reads "Men of Iron". "Oh Men of Iron, are we?" he

guffaws, as he stuffs the cuttings back.
"Men of iron," I murmur softly. "Men of iron."

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Please could you stop picking on us Masons?

MICHAEL HIGHAM says the Justice Commission won't be compromised by Sir Frederick Crawford's craft

REEMASONRYS critics have seized upon the fact that Sir Frederick Crawford — who was appointed to chair the Criminal Cases Review Commission — is a Freemason. They assume that because he is a Freema-son he is compromised, as is the Commission.

As proof for this, they repeat the erroneous claim that Freemasons are sworn that Freemasons are swort to protect each other regardless of the circum-stances. They are wrong. The obligation which a Master Mason takes states specifically "my breast shall be the sacred repository of his secrets when entrusted to my cure -- mur-der, treason, felony and all other offences contrary to

the laws of God and the ordinances of the realm being at all times most especially excepted". So if a Freemason does protect a brother who has broken the law, he is not only breaking the law himself but also breaking

his Masonic obligation.
A new twist has been
added to this in the past few
days by the publication — in
part and out of context — of an obscure piece of Masonic prose which appears as the appendix to one of the many published rituals of Royal Arch Masonry. It is unknown to the vast majority

of Freemasons. As quoted, it appears to bear out the myth that Free-masons help each other in an immoral way. In context, however, the passage em-

phasises the promise of the Master Mason's obligation. Paraphrased into modern English, it says that a Free-mason's behaviour toward g brother who has erred should be "tactfully to remind him of his fallings and to help him to improve so that if he is accused of wrongdoing or has acted badly he will reduce undue criticism by acknowledging his responsibility."

The piece goes on to say that this advice should be applied to all people and not just to Freemasons. Freemaions know that their duties families, their jobs and to society in general. Any duty they might feel they have to another Freemason comes a long way after that.



Michael Higham ... 'hard

Freemasons also knowand are told on at least six occasions during the cere-monles they go through— that using their Masonic membership to gain any sort of advantage for themselves or anyone else is con-trary to the rules and spirit of Freemasonry. If anyone does try to use it in that way he will become subject to Masonic discipline and depending on the seriousness of his offence will either

have his membership sus-pended or will be thrown out. The published proceed ings of the Grand Lodge show that the discipline process is used when mem-bers do unfortunately err. Str Frederick's Masonic membership is a matter of

public record. His appointment to head the Commission was made under the new rules laid down Nolan. so the Home Office will pre-sumably have enquired int his outside interests and was no conflict of interest other Freemason holding public office, will know tha

if a situation arises in which there could be even a mini-mal public perception that Freemasomry might be in-volved in what was being in vestigated, he must declare an interest and then with-draw. It will be a very sad thing for public life if hon-ourable men are to be denied public office simply be cause one of their sparetime interests is Preemasonry. We know only too well how difficult it

is to change public misconceptions.

comment or interview.
What saddens Freemasons
is the repetition of old
myths which they know to
be demonstrably untrue. Critical commentators in the last few days have been careful to say that they are not attacking the personal integrity of Sir Frederick Crawford. Freemasons would say

that not only are they doing that but they are attacking the integrity of Freemasons in general.

Michael Hipham is Grand ecretary of the United Grand

Why Steiner is wrong

EORGE Steiner set the agenda for the Edinburgh much because of his widely reported suggestion that the Festival should selfdestruct: more because of his disturbing observation that artistic excellence has less and less connection with decency and progress. As he bluntly said: "Great musical performances, art exhibitions, drama festivals, architecture have not only co-existed with political madness, they have adorned and celebrated it."

Steiner's point was uncannily echoed in the most impor tant and moving event I saw all week: a performance of Wallace Shawn's The Fever by a compelling Canadian ac-tress, Clare Coulter, which dominated an exceptionally strong programme at the Tra-verse Theatre. Shawn wrote his 90-minute monologue in

1990 and initially performed it m people's apartments before it became a public event. In sence, it is the testament of a guilt-ridden liberal who, in the course of a visit to a Third World country, is forced to question all the assumptions of his existence: that a belief in beauty, art, personal de-cency, private fulfilment and political gradualism will somehow make the world a better place. It is the perfect play for a Festival based on the humanist premise that, by confronting great art, we are morally and spiritually

Shawn's point is similar to that made in Pinter's recent political plays: that our cele-bration of life co-exists with atrocities carried out in the name of democracy and that our western comfort depends on the existence of global poverty. The words sting because they have the

subtlety of poetry rather than Clare Coulter, who sits there in a plain black dress, seems to be speaking directly to each of us. That the words come from the heart was confirmed by a tiny moment when a member of the audience was overcome by a coughing fit, the actress lent across and offered her a glass of water. The gesture both destroyed the artificial boundary between art and life and demonstrated the paradox

may be insufficient in a barba-rous universe but is also not Shawn's play rattles our conscience because it asks whether our comforts are based on other people's miser-les. The same question lies at the heart of another play that adorns the Traverse pro-gramme: The Architect, by the young Scottish writer David

at the heart of Shawn's master

piece: that liberal decency

Greig. The hero is an Edinburgh architect who has aved status and comfor by building sixties towerblocks that are now falling apart. He is asked, by a petitioning tenant, to assist in their demolition at the same time as his personal life is in ruins: his wife abandons him while his son and daughter turn into hapless fugitives.

Greig's play is much more than a fogeyish attack on modern architecture. It is a study in the way private dreams turn into public nightmares The architect claims that his original concept of terraced towers was loosely based on Stonehenge: a tenant who lives in his decaying mon-strosities tells him, "You weren't asked to design houses, you were asked to

Greig's play is a touch sche matic in the way it shows the master-builder's family disin-

tegrating like his civic architecture. But the production by Philip Howard, who succeeds Ian Brown as director of the Traverse in October, kept me engrossed and a good performance by Alexander Morton as the guilty hero is accompanied by oustanding ones from Tom Smith as his screwed-up son and from John Stahl as a decent truckdriver who be-

nan's erratically exuberant starts with a single mum trying to choose between two potential husbands both called Billy and goes on to examine the goods on offer in the spiriprophecy to a dessicated Christianity. Much the funni-

friends his runaway daughter Big issues permeate all the Traverse plays. Chris Hannew comedy, Shining Souls, surveys the spiritual chaos of modern life. Set in Glasgow over the course of one day, it tual supermarket: everything from astrology and soapbox



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Clare Coniter in The Fever . . . Wallace Shawn's moving and important play

st character is a weary vicar, nicely played by John Ra-mage, who announces that the Ten Commandments are far

too many: "Pick one and try to keep to it," is his advice. Hannan loses control of his material in the second half, but Ian Brown's farewell production is sprightly and the company is dashingly led by Alison Peebles as the dithering bride. Not by any means a perfect play; but one that pins

down hilariously our search for spiritual solace in a deadly, nuterialist age.

I was enchanted by Theatre Cryptic's Parallel Lines which offers a sexy, voluptuous, mu-sicalised version of Molly Bloom's great affirmative soliloguy from Ulysses. I was less taken with Communicado's version of Michel Vinaver's Portrait Of A Woman which, while offering multiple perspectives on a French mur-

deress, belies the promise of the title. But total immersion in the Traverse programme m the Traverse in ogrammes suggests that Ian Brown leaves this most crucial of Scottish theatres in rude, investigative health. It also left me doubting Steiner's assumption that art often anaesthetises us against reality. By asking the right questions, it can also force us to confront the moral flaws of our own natures and of the wider world.

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Choreographer Jiri Kylian resembles a child pulling apart a perfect toy, says JUDITH MACKRELL

Dancing in the dark

IRI KYLLAN'S fleet of power dancers have only appeared in Britain twice in the past 20 years, so when many people last saw them they were still performing in the style exem pluted by Kylian's 1978 Symphony Of Psalms. This classic, which dominated Nederlands Dans Theater's

opening programme in Edin-burgh this week, has the dancers dipping and soaring on the wings of exalted emotion, their bodies arching gorgeously towards ecstasy or plumbing reckless depths and their limbs coiling through an apparently unstoppable flow of dance.

It's a luxuriant, full-bodied style that has moulded NDT's astonishing group of thoroughbred performers for years, creating bodies that are violently supple to Ky-lian's every rhetorical demand while being elegantly, graciously honed. But Kylian's work has moved on ostensibly towards a more fashionable post-modernism but actually into a phase that resembles a kid pulling apar a perfect toy. Most of his work is all in bits. In Bella Figura (1995) the score is a ragbag of axcerbis ransackeu irom a va riety of scores while the choreography's juicy swirls of

R AN exemplary lesson

in movie high passion. Set during the world war

two. director Euthan Muk-

dusanit's sumptuous Thai epic ticks all the right

boxes: the photography is

rich, music swells, cruelty

The beautiful Unsumlain

has two men in her life: **her**

sweeheart, away fighting,

and an occupying Jupanese her allegiances variously

swayed by desire, duty and

politics. Cutting-edge it's

vies with bravery, and

young love, naturally,

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brings grief.

wrenched apart into dis-jointed fidgets and blips, As the dancers move, blank-faced and beautiful, through a series of wildly erratic encounters, they don't know if they are soft porn fantasies. religious acolytes or stage For Kylian also can't leave

dance are constantly being

his set alone. The performers are not allowed to dance for long but have to keep dragging the curtains backwards and forwards, dodging decending lighting rigs and changing outfits. These are devices with which Kylian claims to be "addressing the ambiguity of aesthetics, per-formances and dreams", but they are actually depress-ingly obvious gimmicks already well worked by other choreographers like De Keers

maeker and Forsythe. What is so exasperating about Kylian in his current mode is that there are moments in each work where the dance is extraordinary — a whirling saturnine male solo in Whereabouts Unknown (1993) where the dance sparks and dazzles like rogue electricity, or passages of breath-takingly subtle rhythmic play the eye is tricked and seduced by unpredictable mutations

not, but when convention is

done so well, who needs a

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OVE takes many forms

and is full of possibilities in Howard Barker's chal-

lenging, meaty re-telling of

the apocryphal story of Ju-

dith, an agent of the Israeli state who, on the eye of

battle, seduces and slays the enemy general Holofernes.

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in a perfect pattern. This man can make dance to jolt you out of your chair, but then he just osas interest. In some works he goes stumbling after some strains for a comedy, heavy-

Start To Finish (1996) by company member Paul Lightfoot. This, like much of Lightfoot's work, is visibly stamped by Kylian's style. Though the movement is chunkier it has the same mix of super fluent phrasing and tricksy turnabouts and it shares the same obsession with special effects. Lighted arrows thus periodically flash to tell us what dancers to focus on, and a video screen plays a clip from the film Nosferatu. It's all so need less that you don't even bother to ask why. You just look at these fabulous dancers phers would treat them more like serious human beings.

heady philosphy, leaving the dance to flounder in a bog of self-important, empty ges-tures. In others he's bamboozled by stage tricks like ampli-fied floors, floating ball gowns and bubbles. And in others he footed camp or cod burlesque that makes his gloriously grown up dancers look simply The two Edinburgh programmes are wall to wall Ky-lian, with the exception of

Desire is like the blade of s sword, sharp and deadly, as Judith, tranformed by the possibility of love, hesitates before being tricked by her ideologue servant into delivering the final

bloody blow. As usual Barker lends his arguments — here weighing love and desire against betrayal, violence and destruction, an intense poetic force, and be directs this beautifully acted vision of heaven and hell with a ductive simplicity. A sharp cut above the rest of the Fringe.
C Continues until Sunday at The Traverse (0131-228 1404)

Lyn Gardner | Nederland Dans Theater's fabulous dancers perform Kylian's exasperating dances



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Talk of the town

ASILENT opera? Cecil B de Mille's 1915 version of Carmen was screened for the first time since 1918 the other night. It's not all silent, of course. Bizet's score accompa nies the action, and captions tell the story. Fears that it might be a dour challenge were dispelled by the archly camp goings-on. Don Jose was exough to make John Inman blush and Carmen, well, the sesthetics of comely gypsy girls have changed quite a bit since 1915. Geraldine Farrar, the lady in question, was a big diva at the time, and her excursion into cinema was something of an event. Char-lie Chaplin was so impressed by the kitsch classic, he made a spoof. The two versions should be out together on

H NO," seid one partygoer on Thursday night.
'A pith belmet with a kilt." For unknown reasons the 12th estival party at the National Gallery of Scotland specified a dress code of black tie or "Out of Africa". Would Meryl Streep put in an appearance? Can she do the accent? The questions remained unanwered as Edinburgh's finest out on their war paint and ced to the sounds of Dixieland Concepts? They've got them.

Finalists

Finalists for The Guardian International Student Drama Award in the first shortlist are: Making Love performed by Prominent Features — six Edinburgh friends in search of sexual fulfilment and true happiness. C Venue, 11.00pm, until August 81. Dubliners directed by Lin-

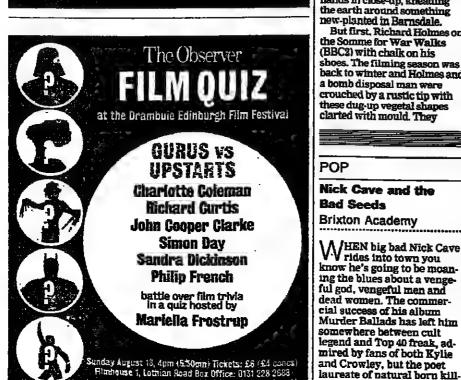
ford Cazenove and performed by the EUTC — the atmo-sphere of Ireland captured through three intertwined James Joyce short stories. Bedlam Theatre, 6.00pm, until August 24. Ghetto by the NSTC - a pow-

erful portrait of the Vilna ghetto during its "liquida-tion". 11 J Sam. Southside Community Centre, until August 31. ☐ A further shortlist will be announced next week

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Floral tributes

Television

Vera Rule

ARDENERS' World (BBC2) was scheduled to be a tribute to the late Geoff Hamilton; you were thinking about his plain voice, his face close over the bone, his hands in close-up, kneading the earth around something new-planted in Barnsdale.

But first, Richard Holmes on the Somme for War Walks (BBC2) with chalk on his shoes. The filming season was back to winter and Holmes and a bomb disposal man were crouched by a rustic tip with these dug-up vegetal shapes clarted with mould. They

Nick Cave and the

WHEN big bad Nick Cave rides into town you

ful god, vengeful men and

Murder Ballads has left him

somewhere between cult legend and Top 40 freak, ad-

mired by fans of both Kylie

ers shows no sign of making

Brixton Academy

POP

Bad Seeds

picked up a potato-sized hand grenade, and the expert pointed out its firing pin with his little finger — that mascu-line gesture of delicacy Geoff would use for indicating small

new growths. Soldiers always tell you how you see the land in a battle as you see the land in a dathe as near as does an insect. In the antique footage, you could watch what the earth did when a mine blew a crater — the topsoil star-burst, with big clods pattering low down. Pickets were still in the ground, those iron rods with kinks to hold the barbed wire: you thought they were for fencing allotments, but that must hav been their demobbed role. Everything military was like early agricultural machinery The German machine guns with their wooden handle-

amends for his past bad be-

Kicking off with Stageriee,

Cave's feral re-casting of the

original gangsta rap tune, he danced with epileptic grace

and whooped his band into a

rhythm. This was Cave at his

most potent, the rocker who

shreds metal to find his own

Seeds may be, they are very

good at creating the creepy

atmosphere to orchestrate

Cave's music remains

welded to this dense rumble,

varying only to display that

he's developed into a compe

damaged hard rock vision.

And Bad though Cave's

fervour of distortion and

haviour.

his lyrics.

grips might have been a simple device for chopping turnips for feedstuff, needs only two men to operate, speeds up the pro-cess. Even the British tank seemed a primitive combine narvester lurching over the downs; and the great guns were clearly, in that July bombardment, recoiling into fields of standing corn. in slightly raised beds, a low round shrub at the end of each

When the Accrington Pals the recruits who joined together street-by-street, pit-by-pit — came up out of their trenches, their packs were heavy with the shovels with which they should have con-solidated the German lines they were meant to take. The recorded veteran voices were very plain: "Our fellows just went down like sickled grain,' said one, still surprised. Sicking. Holmes said the Lancashire Fusiliers' advance was "mown down". With a hay mower's scythe, there is a slower and wider sweep. The

drew most of his material

which meant the few Murder

Ballads outings had a grand

from 1994's Let Love In.

sense of baroque ritual.

Never was this more so

than when tiny chanteuse

them embrace and fumble

at the crowd, makes one wonder if these offspring of

the Australian suburbs

aren't more similar than imagined. Aloha Nick and

Kylie, a blood-letting beach-

movie surely awaits you.

Kylie Minogue waltzed on to

croon Where The Wild Roses Grow with Cave. Watching

their lines, he cowering awk-

wardly over her, she winking

word — the men leaving the gardens tidy. . . Never such in-nocence again." Edinburgh | Festival & Fringe Information By phone and fax 1

Fusiliers had been filmed min utes before they went over the top and they had faces close

In the bare landscape you

dressing-station had only a few

teries of the region; the stones

row. You read Geoff Hamilton's last tips in the Radio Times: "When flowers have finished, dead-head them by cutting the.

stem back... that encourages the growth of a new flowering

stem." Holmes said the British stopped believing that human

spirit could face down machine

guns. He walked away over the

perfect lawn. In your head, you

Never such innocence, as

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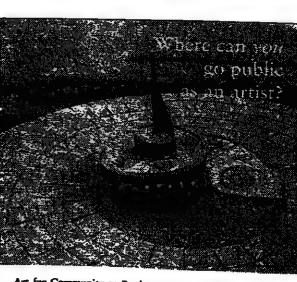
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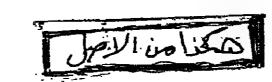
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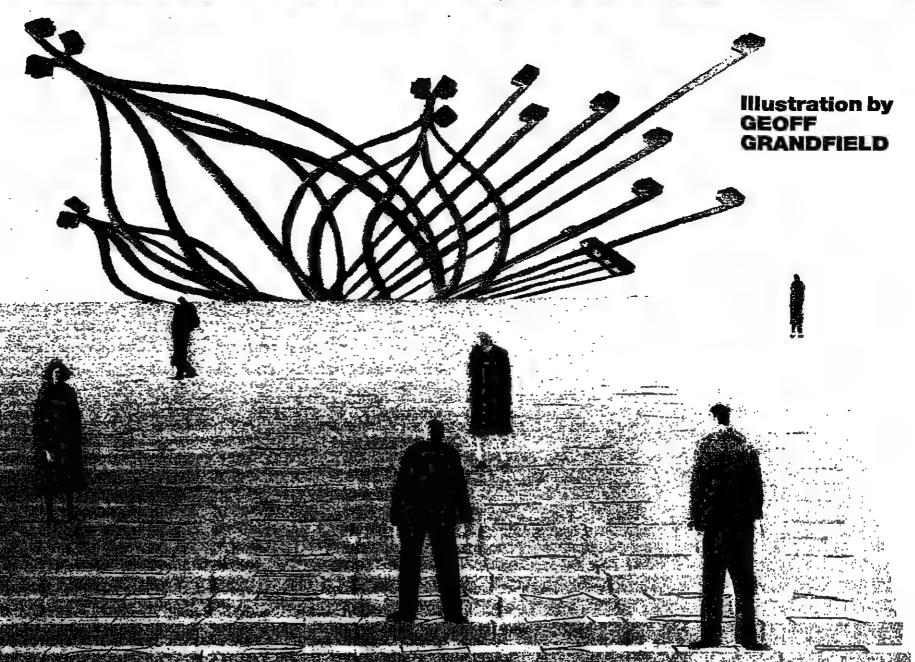
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ISOBEL MONTGOMERY trawled through literary Moscow in search of the **Great Russian** Writer, to see if the last 10 tumultuous years have thrown up a new Tolstoy



Stepping out of a novel era

private detective. I wanted to find the great writer we imagine the new Russia must have thrown up.
After all, what could be

more interesting than communism imploding, an empire collapsing, capitalism at its most and least seductive? Looking at the passengers on the Metro. there seems to be no shortage or material. An old lady begs God and the people around her for help; a nervous pink-faced conscript is clutching his mother's hand. Is this their final meeting before he is sent off to Chechenia? Two teenagers

wearing Calvin Klein and Donna Karan wonder aloud whether to go to Turkey or Spain for this year's holidays. Surely these are the tales of modern Russia that someone is writing down?

I get off at Kiev Station on my way to meet Natasha Perova. anguage journal of new Russian writing. Families running for suburban trains to take them to their dachas are justled by grannies just back from the woods with buckets of redcurrants and raspherries. Inside the Radisson Hotel.

international standards of comfort have been unported squashy sofas, background piano music. Natasha arrives. blaming Moscow traffic jams for her lateness. For a while we toss names of celebrated

authors over the table at one another. Viktor Erofeyev is my offer. Alexei Slapovsky is hers. This is a peculiarly Russian rame of testing the water.

Whose side are you on? Which camp do you follow? Westerniser or Slavophile? The rules date back to 19th-century debates about Russia's place in Europe. What is important to remember is that the game does not allow the issue to be findged. Are your eyes turned to the west or looking into the beart of Russia?

Victor Erofeyev may be tiong both His novel, Russian Renuty (1990), had a nonchalant immorality that seemed to mark the final breaking of every Soviet literary conven-tion His 1989 essay. A Funeral Feast for Soviet Literature, celebrated its demise. In a more recent essay, Russin's Fleurs du Mai, the preface to The

Penguin Book of New Russian Writing (1985), he uncovered the antidote to a century and a half of "hypermorality", that stringely Russian Interary dis-stringely Russian Interary dis-cuse that affected Dostovsky as much as Tolstoy, Pasternak as much as Solchentisyn. This hypermorality made them believe their suffering was for a higher good, a message we like hearing, so long as Ivan Deniso Virtual Dr Zhivago and not us

is doing the suffering. "Fed is paid," Endeyev announced its anthology revealed a herature freed from any obligation to show immorahity and debumants atton as having a purpose. This was a new direction for Russian writ-er: Having so brilliantly diag-

'D COME to Moscow like a | nosed the disease, had the doctor in Erofeyev found the cure? But Moscow is already bored with Erofeyev's dazzling

phrases, and Natasha does not belong to the Erofeyev camp. "He writes for the west, with one eye on the bank balance."
This is the argument everyone
I talk to has against Brofeyev.
"The outside world expects

Russian literature to be the same as Tolstoy or Dostoevicsy, only based on contemporary material," says Natasha, "They know very little about writing from the furn of the century. Writers like Andrei Platonov and Isaac Babel were also writing in a time when society was breaking up and a new one forming."

Her suggested cure is to read. Alexei Skapovsky, a playwright who has turned to writing prose. His work is certainly a good introduction to the mood of contemporary writing. First there is the fantastical *Nedelin*, about a man who finds he can transmigrate into another's body and which reflects a world in flux. Then there is the hero of The First Second Coming who believes he is the Messiah and the experimental dialogue of He Says She Says, which records the inver thoughts of

two lovers. Natasha sends me to see Masha Arbatova, another playwright turned prose writer. Will she fit the bill? It is hard to pin this loud, vivacious woman down to talk about books. "How's the novel going?" I ask her over tea and chocolates in her ground-floor flat in Moscow's southern suburbs. "Not good," is the gist of her reply. She lines up the enemies of promise: she's been busy writ-ing President Yeltsin's policy on women and the family, taking on the Kremlin's men in grey suits; and she's been pre senting Russia's first TV talk show for women.

There's just too much work in hand to get on with the work in-progress. In any case, life in today's Russia doesn't leave much time for novel-writing.
"It's very difficult to write about the current situation. You can't manage to fix you own position in the world before the world itself has changed. Writers find it diffi-cult to understand what is going on themselves, let alone explain it to readers." For Arbatova's generation—

she's in her late thurties, old she's in her late thirties, our enough to have developed a Soviet mentality but young enough to believe that this is a curable disease — life has changed beyond all recognition. She was fortunate to withstand the transition to a new world. Some of her contemporaries have emigrated, others eiter un writing for business given up writing for business or drink and a few have com-mitted suicide. Then there are her school friends. One became a businesswoman and was shot last year after a mafia fall-out. another has become so

is reading now? Definitely not "What about Vladimir Soro-

kin?" I ask, naming another challenger of the old literary samblishment. "Neither Erofeyev or Sorokin is a firstclass writer, but they have begun to work out what the west finds interesting about Russia, what souvenirs they want of the Sovietera," she sniffs. So who does she read? "! love Andrei Bitov, of course. And Vladimir Makanin."Two middle-aged writers? Among younger writers she names Viktor Pelevin. Is he the novelist I'm looking for? He has just sold out two issues of the liter-ary journal Znamya with a new povella. I call him up and leave

Bitov and Makanin might be getting on a bit now, but they are names which have been mentioned in other conversations. Not that the two have much in common as writers except age. But they also share a failure to conform to Soviet. morals and literary genres and an ability to keep their names out of the mud-slinging that surrounded the collapse of both the official and the underground literary cultures.

Throughout my conversa-tion with Natasha, Vladhnir Makanin sat silently by her side. Surely someone whose jump from unpublished obscurity to winning £10,000 in the second Russian Booker Prize does not remain unmoved by the new Russia! When Makanin thinks of the present he feels fear and reliabes it "When Russia began to char everyone, including me, thought this process would stop. Now I know that what is happening now is a normal state of affairs. What went be-fore has ended. Businessmen understand perfectly the fear that they might be killed at any moment. I know this fear, too, but I'm bot worried."

Is fear better than the restrictions that went before? In Makanin's opinion anythin an improvement on the predict ability of the life lived by the "professional" writers of the past. "For official writers there were dachas, holidays, pen-sions. You knew when you reached a certain age you'd automatically get a prize. A two-volume collected works at

70. A pension." Makanin made one attempt to become an official writer. He took one of his precise, economically written tales of faceless bureaucracy and hidden unexplained fear to a literary jour-nal. But when it was refused by some faceless editor be simply picked up the manuscript and

Now journals fight over his latest manuscript. Yasnaya Polyana, an upstart new jour-ral offered him (40) for a new story but Makanin is happy for the \$150 that Znanyo or Nooy Mir pays. "After all who has ever heard of *Yosnayo* Polyano?" Natasha hasn't.

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palpable sense of conspiracy among the customers. "Literature in Russia," as Shatalov says before our walk, "has become the new form of dissidence." Books have become a minority interest.
"There is no marketing in

A recent short story, The

Ouption of the Cournsus, was published in Nocy Mir last year

and in English translation this

hemmed in by the menace of

the mountains caught the un-

ease beneath the apparent out-ward calm which characterised

Russia's pre-election mood. It also dealt, for the first time in

contemporary prose, with Rus-sia's relationship to Muslim

culture, albeit in a time just

1985 with A Butte Council

before the war in Chechenia.

Makanin, who won the second Russian Booker Prize in

Table with a Decremer in the Middle, still refuses to play the

role of official writer. At a semi-

nar for young writers last spring, he nominated his entire

group to the Writers Union, un-

concerned about preserving privilege, laughing off charges

by his fellow writers.
Is a bookshop the place to

The outside world

expects us to write

like Dostoevksy

contemporary

seek the new Russian novel? I take a walk with Alexander

Shatalalov, one of Russia's best-established small publish

ers, round half a dozen or so

One call is at a brown-

bookshops in the area between Moscow's Novokuznetskaya and Paveletskaya Metro

painted wooden house on a side street opposite the half-com-pleted offices of a German bank. Its three back rooms house the October 19 Bookshop,

Moscow's first private book-shop which opened on October

19, 1992 — October being a time

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f "literary hooliganism" made

this tale of a Russian unit

publishing yet," explains Shatalov, who presents a weekly 10-minute slot about books on television. "When I talk to other publishers, none other advertise their books. A normal market for books just loesn't exist yet. The failure of Yeltsin's

tomers — academics, students and a military officer — stand shoulder to shoulder browsing

through the shelves. There is a

government to support new litthe old angers Shatalov. "It's one of the government's great-est sins. The resson I voted against Yelism is because of his complete rejection of sup-port for culture. You can't be a self-respecting democratic country without a well-developed culture." He cites the recent disappearance of Mos-cow's only bookshop devoted ntirely to poetry. The poetry of modern-day Pushkins and Pasternaks has now been replaced by sausages. At the surviving former state owned bookshops, such as

Moscow's Dom Knigi (House of Books) and Biblio Globus, just up from the Lubyanka, floorspace is now mostly given over to more profitable lines, such as computers and souvenirs. Even to the books departments the emphasis is on pulp fiction — Pierre and Natasha, a two volume continuation of War and Peace is a new best-seller.
"Now everyone understands that books are goods which can be bought and sold according to taste not ideology," explains Shatalov. For the majority of Russians, that means love and guns, not great novels. "The sort of modern classic read by

everyone has not yet appeared in contemporary literature. There is no new Chekhov, Bulgakov or Gogol." Shatalov regrets the end of state support for literature. It has, he feels, put paid to the novel for the moment. "There is a crisis in novel-writing at present. People write short stories because they are more commercial. But for a writer to make a name, he needs to write a novel. When you have written a dozen short stories you still percial. But for a writer to

haven't made a name."
Books though, were never
the first place Russians looked
for new literature. It was always the literary, or as Rus-sians call them, "thick", journals that published work first. In an office just off Red Square, I meet Yuri Buida, managing editor of Znamya (The Banner). If you had met him three years ago, this middle-aged writer would not have been smiling behind the tint glasses. Had you asked him then whether Znamya, with Nouy Mir, the most respected of the "thick" journals, would still be around in 1996, be might have said no. With the break-up of the Soviet Union and the start of Yeltsin's economic reforms, Znamyo experienced a short sharp shock and saw its

circulation plummet from one million to between 15,000 and

20,000. Now Zhampu bas adjusted to its new slimmer circulation, found some commercial spansors and Buida's job is seof cataclysmic events in Russian history. It's tiny. What once was a iving room is now the shop-In a world where almost every other part of the old literfloor. The owner, Mark Friedkin, sits at his comp ary process has been discredited or destroyed, having your in what used to be the kitchen. Trad jezz plays in the backwork printed on Znamya's poor quality paper is still a mark of having arrived. "Our main task is to publish new writing but that doesn't mean we publish only the newest ingest writers. Like Znamya, Alexander

Mikhailov's journal Solo is not looking for the youngest, only the freshest. He will publish old men writing poems in praise of forgotten polithuro members and stories by 13-year-old boys. What is important is that literature changes and doesn't ossify into one accepted formulaic prescribe the future.
Post-modernism, held up by

Eroseyev to be the new salve for a broken culture, turned out to be a dead end, its demands as ist realism. In its place, Mikhailov detects a new realism, a new sentimentality in contemporary writing. But, again, there are no novels yet. "Now is the era of the novella or perhaps more of the short story. the time of the story as video clip, a very short story, perhaps only three pages at most." Pub-lishing only the debut works of writers from across Russia, Mikhailov is the first to see new trends develop.
Solo was the first to publish

the stories of Vladimir-based writer cum postal worker, Anatolii Gavrilov, whose very short stories are written with the terseness, economy and poignancy of a man used to counting up the cost of words on telegram forms. This year Mikhailov has hopes for Dmitrii Dobrodeyev, another of Solo's discoveries to win the Russian Booker. He also hopes that, fifth time round, the Russian Booker will truly be awarded for current work not for services rendered to Russia's literary heritage.

At home, there is still no reply on my answering ma-chine from Pelevin. All I have is a pile of his stories to read. At Znamya, Buida had told me, "You know there was a rumour that there was no such person as Viktor Pelevin. He was the invention of a group of writers. But he's real. I've even drunk a glass of wine with him."

Pelevin staked his claim to be the next big thing with a collection of short stories, The Blue Lamp, in 1991. A year later be followed it up with Omon Ra, a Soviet space story of de-ceit, cowardice and disfilusionment. If only Pelevin would call me, he might claim credit for the sentence that buried Soviet literature once and for all. When his hero, Omon, con-fessed, "All my life I've only been bored by all those western radio voices and those books by various Solzhenitsyns," the canon of Russian literature book a tumble

Pelevin's mischievous myths and improbable tales are without a moral message. With stories of desperate girls resur-recting dead foreign pilots just to get a passport out of Russia or the Chechens taking over the Kremlin in a media circus he takes the temperature of contemporary Russia. But is he the great writer I'm looking for? I return to ask Buida.

"He is still a very young writer, his experience of life is still small. He says about him-self that everything he writes is fantasy. He sits in front of his computer writing what he calls 'virtual novels'." No one is sure about Paissin. He writes books that people want to read but not the sort that they discuss. Is this the new literature? Entertaining rather than thought-

provoking?
But this is far from the novel

I set out to find, let alone a successor to the classics. Did the end of ideology mean the end of the big literary idea in Russia? For Arbatova other questions are more important. There are political problems to be solved before literary ones. People in the west misunderstand what is happening in

Russia culture. They will do so for a long time to come." But she cannot say whether Russians understand properly what is happening either. For the publisher Shatalov, there is still a huge distance to cross before he stops feeling as exotic as a nomad from Mongolia when he visits the Frankfurt book fair. "In 10 years' time, if

nothing changes, there will be a

Russia. What can you do?"
For Buida, being a writer in today's Russia is only for madmen: "You can't make a living from writing, but if you can't live without writing, then write. There will always be a few madmen who will write.'

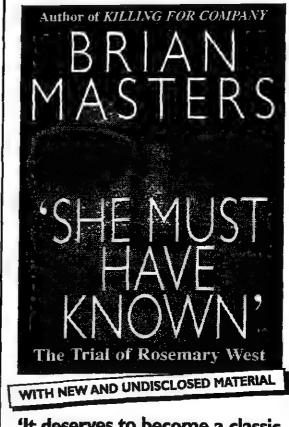
"Words change meaning so quickly now," Makanin said at the start of my quest. "Take the word democrat. Does that mean what it meant five years ago?" Perhaps in all the changes that Russia has gone through the word literature has also changed its meaning. We might not recognise it as such, but the three-page story is what you find when you look for Russian



and editor, mostly for the Guardian, who specialises in the former Soviet Union. The Penguin Book Of New Russian Writing ed: Victor Eroteyev (1995); Omon Ra with Yellow Arrow, both by Viktor Pelevin, are available from Harbord Publishing (1994) who will publish his The Life Of Insects in October: Viedimir Makenin's A Baize Covered Table is published by Readers International (1995), The Captive Of The Caucasus, is published in Glas, No 11; stories by Anatolii Gavrilov, and extracts from novels by Alexei Siapovsky, appeared in Glas, available from Department of Russian Literature, University of Birmingham, B15211

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Tragedy of the child from hell

RIC CULLEN, who has died aged 31 after an operation was known to Britain's TV-watching public as Rab C Nesbitt's youngest son "Wee Burney" the "Child from Hell" who could say things and behave towards adults as every child in their innermost secret fantasies would love to do. But no child could do the part justice and we would have been ap-palled if a real child had been asked to say half the things Burney had to say. So per-haps for the first time Eric Cullen's achondroplasia, his dwarfism, his Four Feet Four ness worked for him rather than against him.

As a child actor, Eric had found work (starring, for example, in BBC Scotland's Huntingtoner) but when he was about 17 the work stopped, and he thought his chances as an adult actor were slight. He had left school with "nothing", so he went back to study, passed his exams and graduated from

Glasgow College in social sciences. Then, he landed the Rab C Nesbitt role, and within months of his first appearance as Burney, he was a nationwide star.

Within the space of two series of Rab, he had his own children's series, Wennyss Bay 902101, on Scottish Television and his name on the pantomine hoardings guaranteed a sell-out house. He was making money hand over fist, bought a Mercedes and a new house round the corner from his mother and father in his beloved Hamilton, where he was

Nearly three years ago, at

the ungodly hour of 8am, Eric telephoned me. He said his house had been raided by the police and please would I come and pick him up and take him out of there as he didn't think he could drive and he didn't know what to do. I said it was a pity he couldn't act like that when he was in front of a camera and was about to put the phone down

For me that was the beginning of the tragedy. For Eric, the investigation by the police on suspicion of involvement in pornography was a new episode in a tragedy that had begun some 15 years earlier when a member of his extended adoptive family had taken him with him to play the organ in church, pulled into a layby outside Hamilton and buggered him in the car. He then informed Eric, who was 13, that if he told anyone he would be taken away from

Eric knew that to be true. Only three years earlier, when doctors had told his mother he would never grow, the social worker offered to take him back". (The fact that his mother physically out of the door on her ear was that swept over him.) So he knew above all that

ters and never see them again

dwarf and only adopted. And

mouth shut, even when the abuse continued and in-creased in ferocity. He was passed on to a string of other paedophiles until he grew too blg to meet the criteria of their perverted fantasies. When he achieved success as an actor, they switched their abuse to financial blackmail.

I collected Eric from his house that morning and took him to a triand. As we left Hamilton I assured him that, since he had not here charged, nothing would be-come public. He would have time before anything became public and he would be able to arrange his defence and prove that he had never harmed

anyone in his life. The news of the raid was on Radio Clyde an hour later. The media feasted upon his downfall. After two years, when the case was finally scheduled to be heard, he wa informed that if he pleaded not guilty the case would not come to court for another year. So he pleaded guilty to

José dos Santos

aged about 100 in the

remote Portuguese vil-lage of Arega, naver had an official exhibition of his work

but everyone who has seen it acknowledges that it shows him to be one of the most

gifted "outsider" artists in the

more than one occasion when his sculptures had been sold

own household rubbish. His

relationship with neighbours, which landed him in court on

various occasions, and with.

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In Arega, his work was

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inner vision

the belief that they would slap | London wanted to offer him his wrist and let him get on with fighting the clinical depression from which he had suffered for years. Instead he was sentenced to nine months in Barlinnie, Scotland's

toughest prison. But, as in in most Dickens novels, good was to triumph in the end — in the persons of broadcaster Bill McFarlan, his wife Caroline and the journalist Dorothy Grace Elder. To them the whole thing stank and they hired a private inves-tigator to whom the thing also smelled. They led the appeal that saw his sentence reduced to three years' probation.

Last December, he spoke out on the radio preting other

out on the radio, urging other abused children to talk about what had happened to them. He said his acting had helped him to "escape from the dark-ness". Earlier this year Mo-ment of Truth, a television documentary was made about his life. Only a few days ago, the BBC comedy unit tried to contact Eric to offer him work

the dream part of Puck. Once I was filming with him in Rothesay Castle, for Wemyss Bay. Eric was "fronting and

mugging" outrageously while I tried to deliver "plot" lines that had to be understood or the kids would not know what was going on. I said nothing, as it was his show, but I was flaming. I was just back in the house from the day's work when Eric was on the phone in tears. "I can't believe what I did to you today," he said. "It's my insecurity when I'm work-ing with real actors, you see. But I love you, you're the big brother I never had, so I don't know how I could do it." "Because you're a bloody amateur

And we both laughed so nuch. "Yes, but a comedy genius as well, Charlie.' And he was right and we

Eric Cullen, actor, born July 12,



Evelyn Levine

Ribbons of pop glory

Around the Clock was causing riots in cinemas and Elvis was earning himself the sobriquet "The Pelvia", that a simple ballad, Scarlet Ribbons, defied all the

The the soft, melodic tune was written by Evelyn Danzig Levine, who has died aged 94. She had written few songs up till then and never repeated her first success, but that one tune made her very rich. Perry Como, who recorded Scarles Ribbons in 1970, once said "I think it is perhaps the most beautiful tune I ever other songs that became inter-

national standards, it was one of the easiest to write.

Her lyricist partner, Jack Segal, had been invited to her home in Port Washington, New York, to hear some of her concert compositions. "She did some difficult songs but in exercise," he says. He liked what he heard and, when she left the room to entertain some guests, he sat down and wrote the lyrics in 15 minutes When the guests at the party when the guests at the party in 1949 heard it they liked the result. But, he said, they "were aghast that it took so little time".

To achieve success, however, took much longer. In 1955 the young Harry Bela-fonte was looking for a moodchanger on a calypso album. He picked Scarlet Ribbons, which became the perfect piece for ballad singers in a reminiscent, sentimental mood. It helped make Belafonte's name and remains in his repertoire to this day. It became so closely associated with him that many fans be-lieved that either he had written the tune himself or it

Levine, despite the success of Belafonte's recording, did not like it as much as those that followed by artists such as the Kingston Trio, Joan Baez and Sinead O'Connor, whose recording of a song written by New York Jewish writers sounds very Irish which is perhaps the reason why Mary O'Hara, the Len-non Sisters and Wayne New-ton did so well with it, too.

the same success even when it was performed by Dinah Shore. Levine's other recorded material included The Wonder of Wonderful You, which was recorded by Brock Peters, and Where I May Live With My Love, put on disc by Tommy Edwards.

In her early years, Levine had been a regular radio pre-senter. In the 1930s abe had her own radio programme, Treble and Claf, on the New York station WOR. She later wrote two operas, Hester and Three for Tonight. The latter was written specially for Beefonte but it did not achieve the success of their earlier and simpler collaboration.

Levine's husband, Manuel W Levins, a former New York state judge and district attor-ney, died in 1986. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Evelyn Levine, composer, born January 16, 1902; died July 26,

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Birthdays



Eric Cullen . . . pitting laughter against a life of adversity



began to construct flutes and then to sculpt bits and pieces to escape the tedium of his job. God told him, he claime which piece of found wood or root he should use and what i must be: man, woman, anima or, as in one of his fantastic pieces, an amalgam of human, animal, male and When he was younger, he

slept in the position of the cru cified Christ and claimed to receive the Stigmata. He scarcely went to school and certainly visited no art galler ies. He would be considered illiterate, yet his work — the direct product of a very indi-

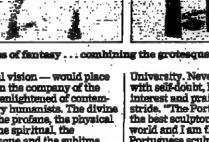


vidual vision — would place him in the company of the porary humanists. The divine

and the spiritual, the grotesque and the sublime, are all present in his sculptures. His coarsely painted crucifixes (the figures both male and female), the dancing pair copulating in an embrace reminiscent of a nursery game, the head of a bull carry-ing the souls of dead toreadortormentors on his horns -

each of them expresses the tremendous power of his instinctive vision.

For most of his life he was unrecognised, although, more recently, he was delighted. when he received a poster advertising a lecture on his work to be given at Oxford



interest and praise in his stride, "The Portuguese areworld and I am the best Portuguese sculptor," he once

> This is an exaggerated asessment but what cannot be denied is that dos Santos was one of the most significant untutored artists to have been discovered since Dubuffet defined L'Art Brut. Perhaps now there will be a chance for restitution so that his fellow countrymen, as much as we, can appreciate rare work and a rare spirit.

Rogelio Vallejo

José dos Santos, artist, date of birth unknown; died July, 1996

Railtrack, 86; Dame Moura

Lympany, concert pianist, 79; Sir John Mason, FRS, presi-

Weekend Birthdays

MAYBE we could raise the money to purchase George Melly, 69 today, as a 20th cen-tury cultural artefact? In only slightly distressed condition, with original tomato-red 2001sult and that tie with the design of the Salvador Dali melting watch? Old Bunny Bum, as his first jazz mentor called him after seeing him bop on the dance floor when young, is a great popular histhe sixties cartoon strip, were about the details of fashion-Of course, there'd be a curato-rial problem. Does the Tate get

him, centrepiece of a roomette dedicated to his speciality, Surrealism, perhaps with the Max Ernst bird pic he bought long ago for 12 quid, paid off at 10 bob a week? Or the Theatre Museum, where he could hold his original jazz inspiration. the 78 rpm record (as thick as a trattoria platter) of Muggsy Spanier's Eccentric? Or the Maritime Museum, where, with his bell-bottoms rolled and stowed in his duffle-bag. he could honk away, the Soho boho sound of lower-deck war-time naval life? None of them are quite right. Is there a Mu-seum of Fishing, willing to take him plus a couple of dace

Dos Santos . . . "the abandoned one" who was unrecognised for most of his liferoce to valle to



Usk, to buy which he sold works by Picasso and Klee?

Today's other birthdays: Mikhail Botvinnik. Russian chess-master, 84; Robin Cous-

ins, former ice-akater, 38; Edward Cowie, composer, 52; Robert De Niro, actor, 52; Sir James Gulliver, chairman, James Gulliver Associates, 65 Ted Hughes, Poet Laureate, 65; John Humphrys, broad-caster, 52; Elizabeth Llowel-lyn-Smith, principal, St Hil-da's College, Oxford, 61; Seamus Mallon, SDLP MP, 9; Prof Sir Leslie Martin, architect, 87; Alan Minter, boxer, 44; Sir Vidiadhar (V S) Naipaul, novelist, 63; Mau-reen O'Hara, actress, 74; Nel-son Piquet, racing driver, 43; Jean-Bernard Pommier, pianist, 51; Rebecca Posner, Pro-fessor of the Romance Languages, University of Oxford, 65; Sue Robertson, chief exec

utive, London Arts Board, 44;

Richard Stott, former editor, Daily Mirror, 52; Kirk Stevens, smooker player, 37; Alfreda Thorogood, ballerina, teacher of dancing, 53; Guillermo Vilas, tennis player, 48; Prof Michael Wise, geographer, 77

Tomorrow's birthdays: Prof Roy Acheson, epidemi-ologist, 74; Brian Aldiss, science fiction author, 70; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician, first woman president, BMA, 83; Margaret Bourne, scientific adviser, MoD, 64; Marcel Camé, film director, 86; Dr Sheula Cassidy, human rights cansidy, human rights campaigner, hospice worker, 58; Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 78; Robert Horton, chairman,

lets most of us down and a 1-in-

creasing the odds when they're

stacked against you. As to the "status" of our own

embryos, I have come to the conclusion that they are an un-

deniable part of us but I do not

consider them to have souls. -

They are the possibility of Life

but they're not Life itself. They

4 chance of breeding. Cryo-preservation is a way of in-

dent, Umist, 72; Hugh Pep-platt, chairman, Moorfields Eye Hospital, 65; Roman Po-lanski, film director, 62; Sir Humphrey Potts, High Court judge, 64; Robert Redford, sctor, 58; Alain Robbe-Gril-let, novelist, film director, agronomist, 73; Willie Rushton, cartoonist and broad-caster, 58; Patrick Swayze. actor, 41; Clare Tritton, bar-rister, member, Monopolies rister, member, Monopones-and Mergers Commission, 60; Caspar Weinberger, former US Defence Secretary, 78; Charles Wilson, deputy managing director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 60; Shelley Winters, actress, 73.

are bundles of cells encoded

with our genes. They don't feel a thing — but they've certainly

been the focus of a great deal of

parental emotion. In IVF the creation of em-

bryos is a goal many couples sadly don't achieve. Before

they're put back in the womb

they're introduced to you on a

screen, magnified hundreds of

times their own size, blooms of

The success of Scarlet Rib-bons enabled Levine and Segal to spend time on other songs. However, When a Warmhearted Woman Loves a Coldhearted Man did not have

> baby potential. You instantly fall in love with them. They are, after all, the cells of hope. Your mind then splits off and you don't think of the ones left behind, to be experimented on, destroyed or frozen. All your psychic energy goes into pray ing the chosen embryos will implant, survive to term and

be born. The system encour-

ages your monomania. If you

aren't practising a faith that abhors the creation and waste of spares, at some later point you will have to consider what to do with them. One thing for sure is that they will mean

Anna Furse is a theatre director

Face to Faith

Public eye on private lives

Anna Furse

SSISTED Reproductive Technology is an ethical minefield and of course we need some control over its potential abuses. It certainly provides no shortage of moral dilemmas. In the last three weeks we have had frozen embryos, the "selective termination" of a twin embryo and Mandy Allwood's octuplets to ponder. These issues touch raw nerves and it's crucial the public continues to thrash them out. It is what makes us human. But we should never lose sight of the right for women to make reproductive decisions in private, away from public scrutiny. We decided to unfreeze our

daughter's genetic siblings after our consultant alerted us to his personal "concerns"

Reproductive Technology

(ART) a little circumspection seemed worth heeding. However, these embryos represen my last chance to have an-other child that's biologically my own and their destruction provokes a great weight of grief. That is my private pain and no one else's. When the pro-life lobby publicly emoted about the "murder" of 3,300 "orphan" embryos, I was angry at their meddling in other people's reproductive

affairs.
I belong to no church and no faith guides me. Like many libertarians, my attitude fumbles between the spiritual and the scientific. I am pro-choice and have had an abortion, I recognise that Nature herself has "binned" many of my eggs and embryos (our daughter's twin dled in utero). So eight of our embryos now sit in our house

ium pot. We have planned a little burial ritual simply be-cause we feel a need to close the circle and create a symbolic spot in nature where we can take our child and tell her the miraculous truth when she asks us where she came from. Frozen embryos inhabit a biological limbo as well as existing in a half-way house of state control. On the one hand, the Human Fertilisation and Embryo Authority states that the parents have sole rights over their future; on the other it gives the clinic guardian-ship. In the Big Thaw, the guardians acted by law. It was the consequence of absurd legislation. A five-year limit to freezing bears no relation to any biological or medical dan-

gers, which is why lobbying

has increased freezing to 10

years at the parents' request. The 900 untraceable comples

who didn't take up this option aren't so many. But I can't help wondering what has happened to them. Have they divorced or separated, possibly following the stress of their infertility treatment? Can they not bear to be reminded of the technoogical route by which their living child or children came into this world, or are they simply too broke to afford the annual freezing charge of £150 upwards? Professor Ian Craft has remarked: "Some just forget they have frozen embryos. After all, how many forget we have Post Office Savings?" Embryos may be investents in a future but it is cal-

lous to reduce them to mere property. This is where I'm in anger of seeming to leap into the anti-abortion camp. Where reason and emotion become polarised, it's hard to hold the middle ground. Society will continue to argue over the status of the unborn versus the rights of the mother while the HFEA has a mission to protect "the welfare of the child" born by new technology. Mean-while "infertiles" have few real choices; we have a sham-bolic NHS funding system that Doonesbury



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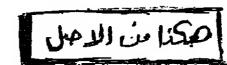
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Money Guardian

Richard Miles tells fans keen to invest in the soccer boom to use their heads not just their hearts



New ball game . . . The share price of Manchester United slipped after their finance director Robin Launders (top left) was snapped up by

Glory game splits into haves and have nots

Championship form

S THE soccer season kicks off today not just the fans but nvestors might be vell advised to check players' form. A report out last week fore-

cast that more than a dozen clubs could have a stock market listing by the year 2000, making football not just a game but a big business. Mer-chandising and television rights have turned soccer into

Fans can enjoy a slice of the ction too. Unlike other investment opportunities, a club's past performance can be a reliable guide to future returns. Goals really do equal capital gains, but investors who want to make money out of football could reap even richer rewards by investing in companies which are cashing in on football off the pitch.

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Three clubs have full listings on the stock market: last year's league champions Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and second division Millwall. Supporters of Chelsea, Celtic and Preston North End can also take a stake in their clubs through the Alternative Investment Market, though these shares are more difficult to buy and sell.

And more fans may soon be able to invest in their teams. City accountants Deloitte & Touche predict that between 12 and 15 clubs will have a stock market listing by the

end of the millennium. Helpfully for investors, movements in share price reflect a team's performance on the pitch. And, as most games are played when the stock market is closed, investors can make fairly safe bets. Take Manchester United's 4-0 by 12p. When they were knocked out of the URFA cup last year, the shares fell

consistent performance in the field," says Dale Thorpe, a football analyst with Deloitte. "Even income from other sources will be related to c

A graphic illustration of this appears in Deloitte's which won two major trophies last year, saw its share price rise by 63 per cent last season. But poor old Millwall was punished on the pitch and in the market. The south London team was relegated from the first to the second division and ended the season with a share price 27 per cent lower Off-the-field moves can also

ited's stock slipped by a penny this its finance

Robin Launders deserted to join Leeds United, recently acquired by media and leisure group Caspian.

As more clubs opt for a list-ing, players' transfer fees, like the £15 million which Newcastle paid for Alan Shearer, will also have an impact on share prices. Spurs' signing of Jürgen Klinsman in August

victory over Newcastle in the Charity Shield last Sunday. When the market opened next morning, United's shares rose sharply, ahead of a loss of rev-

enues from unplayed games. "The long-term growth of football clubs will come from the pitch performance.

> 1994 gave a huge boost to its share price. Most of football's revenue now comes from offthe-field activities. Gate receipts and season ticket sales accounted for just 42 per cent of the £468 million in-come of UK clubs last season, eccording to Deloitte. Now merchandising is the main source of income. Fans,

nudge the shares up or down. Man-chester Undirector

typically, buy more than one kit each season, not to mention scarves, hats and posters. Newcastle has diversified into catering and invests in the

local Rugby League club. But a vast new source of income is just around the cor-ner. The fees paid by cable and media companies for the right to televise the games will rise

by leaps and bounds over the next few years, the best teams taking the lion's share. Under the current deal which the Premier League has with BSkyB, the 20 teams in the division share some

£38 million each season in TV fees. From August next year. that figure will soar to £155 million — at no extra cost to the clubs Even bigger People who want to make money

rewards may be on the table from football should be investing by 1999. At that in firms cashing in off the pitch may well intro-duce pay-per-Premier League games. That could bring clubs as much as

£1 million for each game played in front of the cameras at no additional cost. Nick Train, investment di-rector of fund manager GT Global, which at one point held 11 per cent of Manche is no longer a hobby, it is an .

industry. In the US, cable TV companies pay more and more for the rights to televise American football and base ball. UK football has begun to get into the same virtuous

The downside for football fans is that fewer and fewer clubs will get a slice of the spoils. In terms of profitability, a large gap has already opened between teams at the top of the Premiership and their lower division rivals. According to Deloitte, the league team last year was £2.24 million, with Manches tar at the top with an operat-ing profit of £15 million. Other divisions showed continuing losses at the operating level.

The gap is sure to widen further, Mr Train believes. He forecasts the emergence of a European super-league, per-haps followed by a global one. Only a handful of UK clubs will qualify. So where should investors

tips Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal, and probably Newcastle and Spurs, for the super-league. But regardless of who wins the Premiership this season, there is one guar-anteed winner: BSkyB. games this season. Fans,

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Address put their money? Mr Train

This week, BSkyB announced live coverage of more than 170 barred from grounds by pro-hibitive ticket prices, are snapping up satellite dishes. As a result, BSkyB shares have risen steadily over the past two years without any of the volatility of football club shares. .

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Smoker's lucky strike a boost for cancer victims

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British claims against tobacco firms have been helped by a US jury's award, says RICHARD COLBEY

that when he started smok-

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Although these sums are more than an English court

would have ordered in simi-

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American jury of \$750.000 (£484,000) for the claim brought by a lung cancer vic-tim against a British American Tobacco subsidiary will give hope to those who are pursuing similar actions in

this country.
Although BAT has announced that it is confident of succeeding in an appeal against the verdict, that con-fidence has not been echoed in the stock market reaction, which saw almost 10 per cent fall from its share price. Other tobacco companies have also suffered substantial falls in London and New

At the moment, over 300 British claims are stalled by the Legal Aid Board's review in to whether it should continue with its funding of the actions.

Under tremendous pressure from the tobacco industry, the Board has itself, unprecedentedly, sought advice from a leading QC despite largely favourable opinions from the claimants own barristers.

Grady Carter, a retired air traffic controller from Flor-ida, started smoking Lucky

ing that the jury made a pu-nitive award of many times the normal compensation. The first line of defence for cancer in 1991. He claimed

the manufacturers will do all

died while using their

Carter, did not, though,

know about the dangers of

smoking when they took up the habit. It will be a matter

of hot contention in other

tobacco claims as to when

tobacco companies knew of

From 1970, cigarette pack-

ets have had to carry warn-ings: warnings which have always had more to do with

ooth smokers and the

the dangers.

products.
Older smokers, such as Mr

any tobacco company, sued either here or in America, will be that people have a free choice whether or not to smoke. Some*o*ne who under takes an activity they know to be hazardous can only blame themselves if it ends in tragedy. Law suits are not brought

against the manufacturers of motorcycles or hang-gliders simply because people have

protecting tobacco compa-nies from litigation than pre-venting people taking up the product.

Anyone who took up the habit as an adult after that late will have to accept they did so with the full knowledge of the risks involved. Less clear is the case of people who took it up when they were children.
The industry will respond that they could have given it

up. But tobacco is addictive, so was it reasonable to expect people to give it up once they started? The tobacco companies

still claim that there is no certain link between smok-

ing and lung argument that Like any litigant with a bad case who carries no weight in inis anxious not to settle at any price, formed circles, but some people may be lieve it, parthey can to complicate the matter

> who want to. It is possible that to some extent the industry will be hoisted by its own petard on this and other arguments it has come up with in order to minimise the risks of smoking. If it has made a demonstra-

ticularly thos

tably false claim on this, any one taken in by it will have another weapon in their armoury.
In many ways, the issues are not particularly compli-

cated: less so than in cases

involving defective drugs where there are allegedly

highly complex scientific

issues.

An Australian court has already decided that there is a link between "passive smoking" and lung cancer. Like any litigant with a bad case who is anxious not to settle at any price, the tobacco companies will do all that they can to complicate

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the matter. Those who have read John Grisham's novel The Run-away Jury will have an idea of how the industry will use legal procedural rules in order to obscure the real issues. While there is no evidence to suggest the industry actually indulges in the criminal activities portrayed in that book, as far as court room procedures go. it

is pretty well spot on. The stakes for the industry are enormous. Solicitor Martin Day, of Leigh Day, who has been actively involved in the English claims, estimates that the 130,000 people who die of lung cancer each year would have an average laim of £55,000.

He says: "If only a fraction of these claims were given authority to go ahead, and succeeded, it would be a dev-astating, if not fatal, blow to the industry."

With that prospect, it is likely that tobacco compa-nies will continue to show a united front, not only in fighting the cases with legitimate arguments but in attempting to prevent them ever coming to court at all. Richard Colbey is a barriste

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With a £1 billion turnover, £2.6 billion order book and 6,000 employees in the two countries, the joint venture could become the kernel for further consolidation of European missile businesses, in-cluding the guided weapons and systems integration interests of France's Thomson-CSF, the defence and electronics arm of the Thomson Group which is to be privatised later

this year. BAe declined to discuss future consolidation in detail but said its agreement with Lagardère Groupe, owners of the defence and space group Matra, envisaged the inclu-sion of Thomson's missile business if Lagardère's bid for

Patrick Donovan City Editor

SENIOR Sumitomo

Corporation director

gave a personal guar-

ness was "legitimate" after

Metal Exchange to respond to

evidence of irregular trading

resulted in the Japanese com-

The general manager of the

non-ferrous metals division,

Mr I Nishiumi, telexed the

statement from Tokyo in res-

ponse to concerns raised by

its activities by the LME on

papers seen by The Guardian.

The correspondence sup-

oorts the LME's insistence

that it took seriously warnings by a US broker in 1991

that Sumitomo trader Yasuo

Hamanaka had carried out

suspect metal deals. Mr Ha-

manaka was sacked when Su-

mitomo announced the huge

copper-dealing losses earlier

this summer. The telex raises fresh ques-

tions about the way Sumitomo

management failed to oversee

the activities of Mr Haman-

aka, as it had clearly been

made fully aware of the con-

cerns held by London metal

In the telex, Mr Nishiumi, a

director, headed the document

market authorities.

"Copper market" and

being asked by the London

deals which eventually

pany's discovery of a \$1.8

billion copper-dealing los

intee that all its busi-

Sumitomo

with deals

chief 'happy'

the state-owned company was

Three years in the making the joint venture was finally secured when the Government committed itself recently to spending £800 mil-lion with BAe and Matra on Matra's Apache cruise mis-

Ownership of the new mis sile company, to be known as Matra BAe Dynamics, will be split equally. BAe declined to

A LEADING pressure Agroup is giving away shares in GEC to anti-arm

trade activists as part of a

lanned demonstration at

the company's annual meet

Campaign Against the Arms Trade, a privately funded pressure group which encourages disin-vestment in companies in-

request, I, on behalf of Sumitomo Corporation, hereby confirm that Sumitomo Cor-

poration is and will be able to

fully meet all its financial and

delivery commitments on its

existing and future LME con-

tracts to your members for

delivery." It continued: "In addition.

we would like to emphasise

that it is our corporate policy

prompt and forward

to perform our busines

ment Board, the Serious

review of the running of the London Metal Exchange. Earlier this week the SIB

unveiled a consultation docu-

ment in which it is asking

business practices

ng next month.

lan King

shareholding in the event that Thomson's interests are in-cluded later in the year. In a joint statement, BAe

and Lagardère said the merger "recognises the changing nature of defence procurement in Europe and the need for the European defence industry to consolidate in order to be fully competitive in international The companies said the mis-

sile combination would "pro-vide a route for future collbor-

volved in the defence indus-

try, has so far given away shares — worth 380p each at

last night's close — to about

However, CAAT-which

has previously held demon-strations at British Aero-

space's annual meeting — is hoping that as many as 50

activists will attend the GKC meeting, to be held on September 6 at London's Park Lane Hilton.

CAAT is also stepping up

25 volunteers

ative procurement in

Europe."
The City welcomed the deal, and BAe shares rose 11p to close at 964p. Lagardère shares rose 70 centimes to 124 francs on the news.

Protest group gives away GEC shares to would-be demonstrators

Nick Judge, engineering an alyst at NatWest Securities, said the deal was a "good move", but warned that Europe's defence industry had much to do before it had consolidated enough to match US competitors. He predicted

its pressure on a number of

church bodies to sell their stakes in GEC, estimated to

be worth a total of £10 mil-

Will McMahon, CAAT

joint co-ordinator, said the group was still looking for

"The shares were donate

to us by people who bought

them but then realised that GEC don't just make

Among the church groups

fridges," he added.

there would be significant cost savings from the BAe deal with Matra in reseach and deelopment costs and the elimination of overlapping missile

Lagardère is bidding for Thomson against the French engineering group Alcatel. Mr Judge warned that the French government would be concerned at the prospect of a for-eign company holding a large shareholding in French defence interests, despite the

Mr McMahon identified as owning shares in GEC were

the Church Commissioner which he said held a stake

worth £2.7 million, the Bap-tists Union, the Calvinist

Methodist Church of Wales,

the Diocesan Board of Fi-

ance and the Church of

England pensions board. He added: "A lot of them

say that they will only avoid companies which have over

30 per cent of their business

need to cut excess capacity. Matra BAe Dynamics will be chaired by BAe's defence erational headquarters will be be a corporate office in Franci and the group chief executive will be Matra's Noel Forgeard

BAe is to pay Lagardère £80 million as a reflection of the greater valuation placed on Matra. There is also provision for

up to a further £30 million to be paid by either party depending on the value of orders brought to the joint venture by each side up to December

Combining the Anglo-French missile businesses should enhance profits and the chances of winning international orders against rivals such as Germany's Dasa and the US group Hughes.

Matra made a profit last year, while BAe Dynamics exceptional costs. The BAe business shed 1,000 jobs last year, reducing its workforce to 2,800 compared with Ma-

Mark Milner

ABOUR may have been fighting them on the Spanish beaches this week, but at home it has been a good(ish) week for Conserva-tives, at least as far as the

conomy is concerned.

The latest crop of data shows inflationary pressures still weak — although the Bank of England is worried about the future. Unemploy ment has fallen, again. The icing on the cake, however, came yesterday with the news that the Government's finances were in the black to the tune of £1.66 billion last

The figures, considerably better than the City had been expecting, immediately ment in the state of govern-ment finances. From there it was but the smallest leap for analysis to start to speculate about the prospects of tax cuts

in the November budget It might, however, be better to put the spending spree on hold. Last month the public sector finances were boosted by some £844 million worth of privatisation receipts, mainly British Energy. That had been factored in. The surprise pack age was the buoyancy of VAT receipts — which is what has prompted suggestions of, if not a sea-change, then at least a marked upturn in the Government's overall financial position

Such talk seems overdone. Changes to the way in which companies pay their VAT may have had an effect and it is worth remembering that it is only a short while ago that the Treasury was sufficiently concerned about what was happening to the amount of revenue being raised from VAT that it set up a committee to consider the issue.

Some analysts have also expressed concern about government expenditure, pointing out that spending is particularly difficult to rein in during the run-up to a general

There has, nonetheless, been a modest improvement in the public finances but the (say) £1 billion by which last month's out-turn topped City estimates is scarcely going to fund a tax-cutting bonanza. Indeed, that £1 billion would just about fund a reduction in the standard rate of income tax of only 0.5p.

The best that can be said is

that the Government does stand a chance of meeting the Treasury forecast for a 1996/97 public sector borrowing requirement of £27 billion although most City predictions are a least a touch above

that. That would be better than the previous year and, any-way, Mr Clarke will be making his decision on what tax cuts, if any, he will introduce in the Budget at around the halfway mark in the financial year rather than when all the bills are in.

Of course, governments learn their finance in different schools from Charles Dickens's character Mr Micawber who observed: "Annual income £20, annual expenditure £19/19/6, result happiness. Annual income £20, annual ex-penditure £20/0/06, result

misery."
But, read the PSBR numbers whichever way you will,

compelling case for tax cuts from them just as it is difficult to make a case for another cut in interest rates from the rest of the week's data. Then again, those members of the Conservative Party, like John Redwood, who are pressing for tax cuts are more con-

statistics.

Flawed defence

cerned with the numbers in

the latest round of economic

the opinion polls, rather than in the PSBR calculations or

RITISH Aerospace and Lagardere are no doubt right to claim that the decision to combine their mischanging nature of defence procurement in Europe. Nor is Europe the only place where the defence industry is being harifbar

Look no further than the emergence, through merger, of the US company Lockheed Marietta, a behemoth among defence contractors. The need to compete with such powerful players is, in turn, helping to drive Europe's arm-makers into combinations.

The BAe/Lagardère deal could get a further boost if the French end of the deal is sucessful in buying Thomson

the latter is privatised. This is where the problems start to emerge. BAe and La-gardère will have equal shares in the combined missile business. But what will happen if and when Lagardère buys the Thomson business?

BAe was silent on the issue resterday. It could be that it will provide funding for the Thomson acquisition, allowing the position of equally shared ownership to be maintained — although British involvement in a French defence privatisation might touch national sensitivities. BAe may also be reluctant to find itself in a situation where it would have to fund part of the rationalisation of France's de

fence industry.
But if BAe does not put extra funds into the deal and Lagardère consequently becomes the majority owner of the joint venture, that, too, will raise nationally sensitive

Such problems will multi-Europe's defence industry is to make significant strides. Other companies and other areas will be involved. But, if the process is to have any meaning, difficult questions will have to be tackled. It is not just the question of owner-ship, although that will be thorny enough.

If the process of restructur-ing is to have any meaning it will mean rationalisation. which in turn will bring job losses. Which companies, in which countries, will be asked to bear the burden of closures and redundancies?

It might be argued that the process could be conducted on a rather less formal basis, with companies coming together to co-operate on a project by project basis. The signs are, however, that

the industry is preparing to take a more formal route. France is already pushing Aerospatiale and Dassault together. Now BAe and Lagar-dère are linking up on missiles. In a different area -civil jetliners — some of the same players (BAe, Aerospa-tiale, Daimler Benz) are also converting their partnership into a more traditional corpo rate structure. In Europe's de fence industry there seems to be a growing realisation that this is no time to be defensive.

more than 3.500 market partic sed it to LME chief executive David King. The telex ipants whether reforms are added: "In response to your Tax cut talk as market peaks

Tony May

HE London stock market reached an all-time peak yesterday as Government borrowing figures fuelled talk of pre-election tax

The FTSE 100 share index which measures the strength of the Britain's top 100 companies, jumped 35.5 points to close at 3872.9, easily beating the previous record set in April. It has risen 4 per cent — more than 150 points — in the past month and stands 12 per cent higher than it did a year

ago. Market watchers said the rise has been supported by the recent company results season which had seen firms announcing healthy increase in profit and dividends, a strong rally on Wall Street

and a strong bond market.

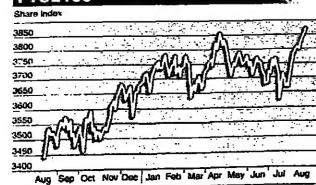
However, stock market watchers are not convinced that the party will last. Analysts said that nobody could see what was sustaining the current rally on Wall Street, and warned that if prices fell sharply in New York, London would drop too.

Robert Buckland, UK equity strategist at HSBC James Ca-pel, said: "I don't think that the good underlying fundamentals for the UK corporate

sector can be pulled away.
"But who is to say we won't get a set of bad US jobs figures and we start to see the progress taken away by US bonds."

London traders have been worried about a possible sharp correction on Wall Street for some time but the pace of its recent rise — around 500 points in three

FTSE100



Thorn EMI puts on £210m

Demerger vote opens door to bidders, writes Lisa Buckingham

undertakings in good faith ORE than £210 million was added to the stock market value of Thorn and fully in compliance with laws and sound international "We are confident that our EMI after shareholders yesterday voted in favour of demerg-

present copper business with regard to LME's transaction is ing the company.
Shares rose by 49p to £18.38, legitimate and in accordance 58 billion on the company at the end of its last day's trading

It concluded: "The function of LME is essential to the as a single entity.

Part of the excitement rests global copper transactions and we hope that you will maintain free market for the benefit of all participants."

on the possibility of a takeover for EMI — the records, music The circumstances sur-rounding the Sumitomo losse publishing and retail division — although chairman Sir Colin Southgate yesterday denied holding any are currently the subject of an international investigation by regulators and police. substantive talks with The Securities and Investpotential predators.

Sir Colin admitted having Fraud Office and the City of received expressions of inter-London police are investigat-ing British involvement in the est but said these had centred on the merger of businesses rather than outright takeover. The scandal has prompted a

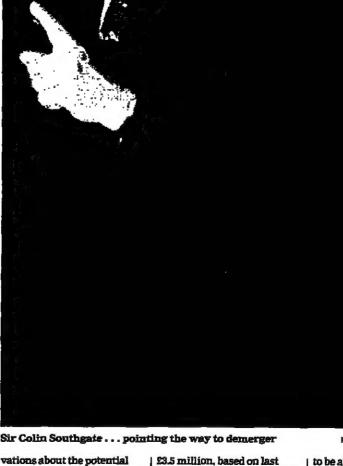
eryone likes it [EMI]", he said. "but no one's ever put an offer on the table." He claimed to be "totally bored" by the takeover speculation, although he, like EMI chief executive Jim Fifield, stands to gain a generous "golden para-chute" pay-off if EMI is taken

Sir Colin's service contract would be lengthened from one year to three in the event of a change of control, a move which would entitle him to a payment of \$2.25 million, while Mr Fifield could collect about £12 million, based on last year's remuneration.
Analysts suggest that MCA.

the music arm of drinks group Seagram, could be the only po-tential bidder not to face financial or competition obstacles. Other rumoured predators

include Walt Disney, Viacom DreamWorks and Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation although all would face difficulties in paying up to £8 billion for the world's largest stand-alone music company. Shareholders in Thorn EMI

agreed to the demerger, which has taken about 18 months to finalise and is expected to cost about £70 million in fees, even though there have been re-



vations about the potential rewards for the boardrooms of both companies following in-

Large bonuses are on offer Sir Colin, for example, could net 140 per cent of sal-ary while Mr Fifield, who is based in America, could reap

year's remuneration package. The chairman yesterday defended the exercise of almost all his share options this week at a nominal profit of more than £3 million. Sir Colin. who earned more than £750,000 last year, said he had sold half the options in order

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to be able to pay for exercise of the rest, which he is holding as ordinary shares.
Analysts reckon that shares

in Thorn — whose business include Radio Rentals and Rent-A-Center in the US — could start to trade at about 405p, while EMI could top

Uprooted director sues florist for £100,000-plus

lan King on a Jersey boardroom row that has blossomed into legal action

LYING Flowers, the Jersey-based mail-order florist, has been served with a writ by its for mer director, Christopher Body, who was dismissed by the group earlier this

Mr Body, who is claiming breach of contract, is demanding between £100,000 and £500,000 in compensation. His employment with Flying Flowers was terminated last week after the company held a board meet ing to discuss the matter.

Confirming that the writ had been served, Mr Body's

solicitor, Nigel Moore, said his client's contract was worth £60,000 a year and

could not be terminated be ore January 1998. He added: "We are alleging his contract was termi-nated in breach of its terms and Mr Body is entitled to lamages as a result."

Tim Dunningham, man-aging director of Flying Flowers, said last night that Mr Body's contract had been terminated because "he behaved in a manner unacceptable to the board". Mr Dunningham said Fly-

ing Flowers had not offered

any compensation to Mr Body — who was director of the group's Bellbourne sub-sidiary — because it had not believe he had a legal right

to any. He added: "We felt we had a valid reason. We know what he did and he knows what he did, and if he pur sues this matter through the courts, we will be forced to say what it was. "We are custodians of

shareholders' money, and we didn't think that paying him money to make him go quietly was something we ought to do in that capacity.

Mr Dunningham said there were no financial implications for the company from Mr Body's dismissal.

The dispute is understood to centre on Clark and Spear, a houseplants distri-bution business which was sold by Mr Body to Flying Flowers for £500,000 earlier this year.
It is alleged that Mr Body

— who joined Flying Flow-ers when he sold Bell-bourne to the company in January 1995 — settled payments owed by Clark and Spear from Bellbourne accounts, one week before the business was due to become part of Flying

Flowers. Although neither side denies the events leading up to the dismissal, Mr Body claims to have done nothing wrong, while Flying Flow-

News in brief

Wickes strives to make repairs Wickes, the troubled DIY

retailer, took another step towards its rehabilitation ye erday when it named Bill Hoskins, former finance director at Laporte, as its new finance Mr Hoskins replaces Stuart

Stradling, who will step down

after overseeing an inquiry into accounting discrepanci which earlier this year led to the resignation of chairman and chief executive Henry Sweetbaum, Meanwhile, Wickes moved to reassure intinued to run smoothly and that UK sales were running ahead of the same time last

Coopers coughs up Coopers & Lybrand, the US 688 million in settlement of litigation in connection with its role as auditor to Maxwell Communication Corp. administrators to the company said. The settlement, to be paid out n October, is in connection with Coopers' audit of the year to March 1991 accounts of Macmillan Inc. a former US

relates to the removal of shares in Berlitz International Inc from Macmillan Inc's control to private companies controlled by Robert Maxwell.

Names consider appeal

Names who are dissatisfied with Lloyd's of London's £3.2 billion rescue plan are considering whether to seek leave to appeal against a judge's rejection of their legal challenge. With less than two reeks to go before the August 28 deadline for acceptance of age, the 1,275 members of the dissident Paying Names Action Group (PNAG) have until I lam on Monday to apply to the Court of Appeal for leave. Any appeal hearing would have to begin by

insurance takeover Takeover activity at Lloyd's of London continued yesterday with the announcement that Cox insurance was in talks to buy Christopherson Heath Group. The merger would form the fourth-largest managing agency group at Lloyd's, with underwriting capacity of 2475 million. Analysts estimate the deal could cost Cox

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Fighting off the Navy blues

Hierarchy rules, orders are barked, gin is sunk. Caring nineties nonsense will be met with a salty retort, RICHARD THOMAS is told

HE Naval Base typically blunt ing cars and killing Iragis are somewhat different things. And at the end of the day, killing people is what we're here for. So the management structure has to be a bit different."

As someone who "drove" a Type-22 Destroyer in the Gulf War — in Navy parlance, ships are only ever driven — the commander is scathing about suggestions that the service should de-layer, team-up, or horizontally integrate in line with private-sector ortho-

doxy.
While the third-largest Navy in the world tries to adjust to the financial realities of the post-war era, he has a warning for those who want to challenge the crew hierarchy, which is as rigid as ship steel.

Woe betide anyone who wants to change the structure On board, the Captain is God. And the crew want it that way. If I went up to them all, put my arms round them and said, look we are all decision-makers here, they'd soon put me back on the pedestal."

as captain of HMS Liverpool and the Third Destroyer Squadron is right at the sharp end has a similar message Someone who studied bits of economics in between rugby matches at Cambridge, he is a stereotypical Navy man. "Is it 11.30am? How about a gin?"

He too dismisses criticism of the unquestioning obedience ethic. "I make the ultimate decision. In a combat situation, if I tell the helmsman to go right. I bloody well want him to go right without a moment's hesitation. Or we could all end up at the bottom of the blue crinkly stuff." Stakeholding is something for the briefcase-carriers on terra

These saltily-expressed sentiments are exactly the type that make the modern topbrass squirm. For back in the cloistered corridors of the Ministry of Defence, in the long shadow of HM Treasury, Business School seminar than

wardroom joshing. The only drink is tea. Or possibly cof-

A senior Naval official describes the "revolution" the service has gone through in the past few years, in order to deliver better value for money to the taxpayer. Using a range of acronyms to delight the best-read management consul-tants, he tries to show how the Navy has been marketised. Thatcherised and part-priva-

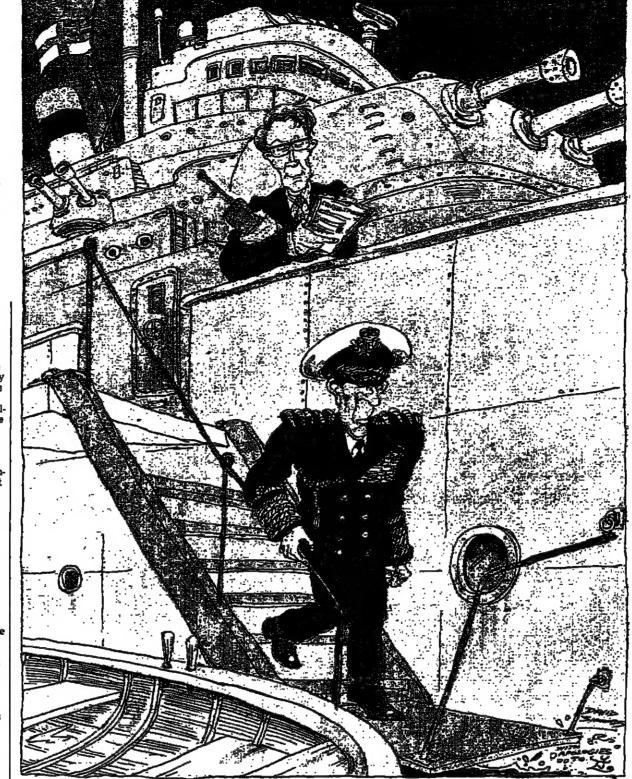
"The need for financial restraint and economic ration ing is now a fundamental part of a naval officer's training," he soothes. "And officers are very enthusiastic about what they can do now — there is much more flexibility."

EW Management Strategy (NMS), which mented in 1991, devolved budgetary responsibility down the command chain. Add son CfQ (Competing for Quality), TQM (Total Quality Management) and RAB (Resource Accounting and Budgeting) and an intoxicating cocktail has

He admits there was some initial resistance. "There was a very simple fear of change. which you would get anywhere. There was a neration of officers — who have now mostly left the uncertain.

Most officers - including the gung-ho front-line ones do now recognise the need to show the purse-string holders in the Treasury into what a lean organisation any additional money is going. As one says: "It certainly helps when we turn up with our reputation the department has for delivering value for money, the easier it is to go to the Treasury and ask for

The fact that the Navy got her new amphibious ships last month, to replace the rusting Intrepid and Fearless, was seen by insiders as recognition of the efforts being made. So far, though,



most of the Navy's changes have been cosmetic, applied to olease her Treasury master. NMS has altered the way budgets are managed — but deep down the Navy is still

more Drake than Drucker. As Eric Grove, deputy director of the Centre for Security Studies at the University of Hull and former Naval College lecturer, says: People have got very enthusisatic and evangelical about all this stuff — but I don't detect any fundamental change in the way the Navy is

Even in Whitehall, the veneer of the New Navy for the Nineties is pretty thin. Of course, the high-ranking

officers are at pains to say just how much of a meritocracy the service has become. And just how well they get on with their civil service

counterparts. One says: "The Royal Navy isn't all public schools. It really is meritocratic, with all orts of chaps here. And we work very closely with our chums in the civil service." A number of jobs can now be held successively by a civilian and commissioned officer - and the Admiralranking officer claims the divide was imperceptible on

day-to-day basis. Outside

naval bases, uniforms are

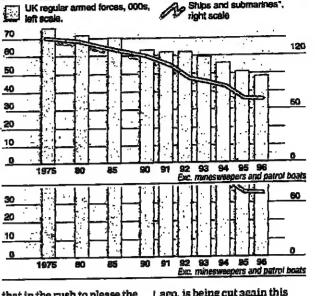
observer can spot the difference. While the real civilians wear ordinary shirts, the Naval officers without a single exception ---wear cuff-links. The security guard at MoD reckons you can tell the officers from the civilians by the way they talk,

and "the way they carry Just because they're driving a desk instead of a warship, there is no need to let eafaring standards slip. Given the need to portray the Navy as a forward-looking modern organisation, the PR chaps are anxious to play down its unchanging culture. In the sensitive, empowering 1990s, they blush

at the old-fashioned image of the arrogant Naval office barking orders in clipped tones at a subservient crew while a steward mixes the drinks.

But this is a shame, because it is precisely the unwavering polically-incorrect bits of the Navy that make it work so well: obedience, hierarchy, arrogance. One of the reasons the service is one of the few institutions still held in high regard in the UK is that its apparently anachronistic approach actually works. In terms of exacting the naximum damage on enemie with minimum own loss, the

unsurpassed. The danger is



that in the rush to please the Treasury and look freshly-minted, the Navy will dilute the very ethos which

underpins its success.
Dr Groves — who is
sceptical about many naval
claims — says: "These people do things for odd reasons, like loyalty and honour. People are told to do things which have a good chance of ending in their own death. That's why they are so bloody

He is particularly scornful of the adoption of trendy TQM, which is done only for the Treasury's benefit. "The Navy was doing something much etter than Total Quality Management before the acronym existed. It's pretty awful that they're having to

ign up to it." The new acronym-driven world poses another danger too. If the Navy convinces the bean-counters that it really can deliver more killing power for fewer pounds, the cuts could continue — and threaten the service's reputation for excellence. In its strenuous efforts to prove value for money, the Navy may be shooting itself in the

Indeed, there are some signs that a straightforward lack of cash, disguised by the new financial innovations, is

aiready having an effect.
Although the Navy has been at pains to protect front-line officers from budgetary responsibility, it is harder to shield them from stretched

resources. As Captain Ainsley, cradling his scotch and ginger, says: "In the past there was quite a lot of fat. But I think we have now -- for political or economic reasons -started to scratch at the

bone too. We are stretched Manpower had been

trimmed particularly
viciously.
As the MoD-level officer
says: "We man our equipment unlike the Army, who equip their men. We are therefore anxious to keep the wage bill down. Naval personnel, already down to 48,000, from 62,000 five years

ago, is being cut again this year. There is no slack any

"If someone breaks a leg you can't replace them easily. The margin has gone. In a war situation, that could be bad

Dr Groves agrees that the Navy is at breaking point: "Things can't really go any further . . . the Navy is as taut as it has ever been."

this is partly of the cold war has changed the considerations. Instead of planning for all-out war, the MoD now models small.

sporadic conflicts. "The Navy is now seen as a set of golf clubs," he says. "The right one is simply pulled out at the appropriate point."
This means that the Navy is

support operations between ships, and between theatres. All-out war would bring the system shuddering to a haft. And the output of the Navy is harder to measure than other Whitehall departments. bottom line is that it is

expected to juggle men and

impossible to describe our bottom line." How do you measure the ability to protect sea-lanes? Spending on the services is difficult in the current political climate. Labour has

traditionally wanted to trim defence expenditure — and in the past few years the Conservatives have been at it Short-termism abounds, We now keep a ship permanently

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on station in the South Atlantic, at huge expense to the taxpayer: a stable door Of course the Navy shouldn't waste money. But it

also needs cash to do its job properly — a currently unfashionable truth. As the base commander

says: "We are not superaccountants. It is our job to go and kill other people, if necessary. We have always been pretty good at it. And we

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Daring to be different

It doesn't wash. Any casual



Lisa Buckingham

T FIRST glance, the decision by holiday company Airtours to axe discounts for last minute summer holiday bookings looks daringly different. For years now, punters have waited until a couple of days before they wanted to travel and then rolled up looking for the cheapest possible deal.

For years the holiday companies have complaine about these tactics even though it was their own pricing policies which created them. But Airtours' action is

more to do with drumming

up more early bookings for

next year. It is eye catching, but will not succeed unless other operators join in. And that would probably test their mettle too far. There have been similarly valiant break-away

statements in other sectors which have found them-

selves locked into relent-less cyclical trends. The big insurance companies rou-tinely promise to sacrifice erage. Clearly, only those funds which dare to be different market share rather than chase down premium rates yet are just as routinely to be found scrabbling around

Clearly, standing out against an overwhelming trend can damage your business. Supermarket group Sainsbury tried not to introduce a loyalty card like rivals Tesco and Safeway. The cards have little to do with loyalty and everything to do with sales promotions, but Sainsbury

for business at any price a few months later.

losing market share. Too many businesses are content to copy rather than devise their own strategy. Fund management is a case in point. The highly paid ex-ecutives who are in charge of securing a return on our pensions and insurance investments are increasingly

vas forced into line after

content to hug the average. Their performance is measured quarterly, and so terrified are they of losing lucrative management contracts by being out of line for a few months -- ridiculous on investments which have a 20 to 50 year life that they do anything to merge with the pack. Look at the way they are putting a larger proportion of their money into tracker funds which, by definition, cannot perform better than the av-

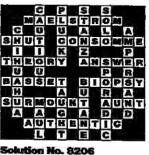
can offer a long-term edge. In the terrifyingly me-too sector of banking, where organisations seemingly follow each other into the crummiest business decisions, the rare attempts to be different seem to give the perpetrators an advantage. The launch of First Direct, the telephone bank-

ing subsidiary of HSBC/ Midland, captured a mood 10 Bucket (4) and a lot of affluent customers before the banking copycats could fight back.
Another whiff of indepenlence came from Lloyds/ 19 Pain (4) TSB which stuck (largely) 21 Ethical (5) to high street banking when 22 Endurance (7)

its cohorts were splurging millions on establishing in-24 Entirely (4,3,6) vestment banks, where earnings are unreliable. And the Royal Bank of Scotland has done well out of its Direct Line insurance Being different does not

guarantee success — remember the Betamax debacle and some of Sir Clive Sinclair's more idiosyn-cratic offerings? But in a world where we are spoiled for choice and starved of real difference, those brave enough to stand out deserve

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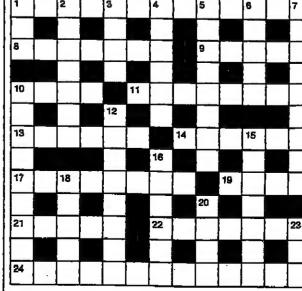


Across 1 The crane fly (5-4-4) 8 Remote (7)

9 Social solecism (5) 11 Cannon, artillery (8) 13 Consequence (6) 14 Shrewish woman (6) 17 Surpass, overtake (8)

Down

1 Defective - failure (3) 2 Discharge --- cashier (7) 3 Twelve months (4) 4 Elaculation, clamour (6) 5 Huge (8)



6 Puckish, mischievous (5) 7 Shiploader (9) 10 Entertainer (9) 12 Small fleet (8) 15 Sale to highest bidder (7) 16 Prejudiced (6) 18 Trunk or body (5) 20 Den (4) 23 Tree (3)

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